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IN THE FOG

I CAN'T SEE AN INCH FROM MY BEAK!
SO WHAT? YOU'RE GONNA CLEAN, NOT CONTEMPLATE THE VIEW.
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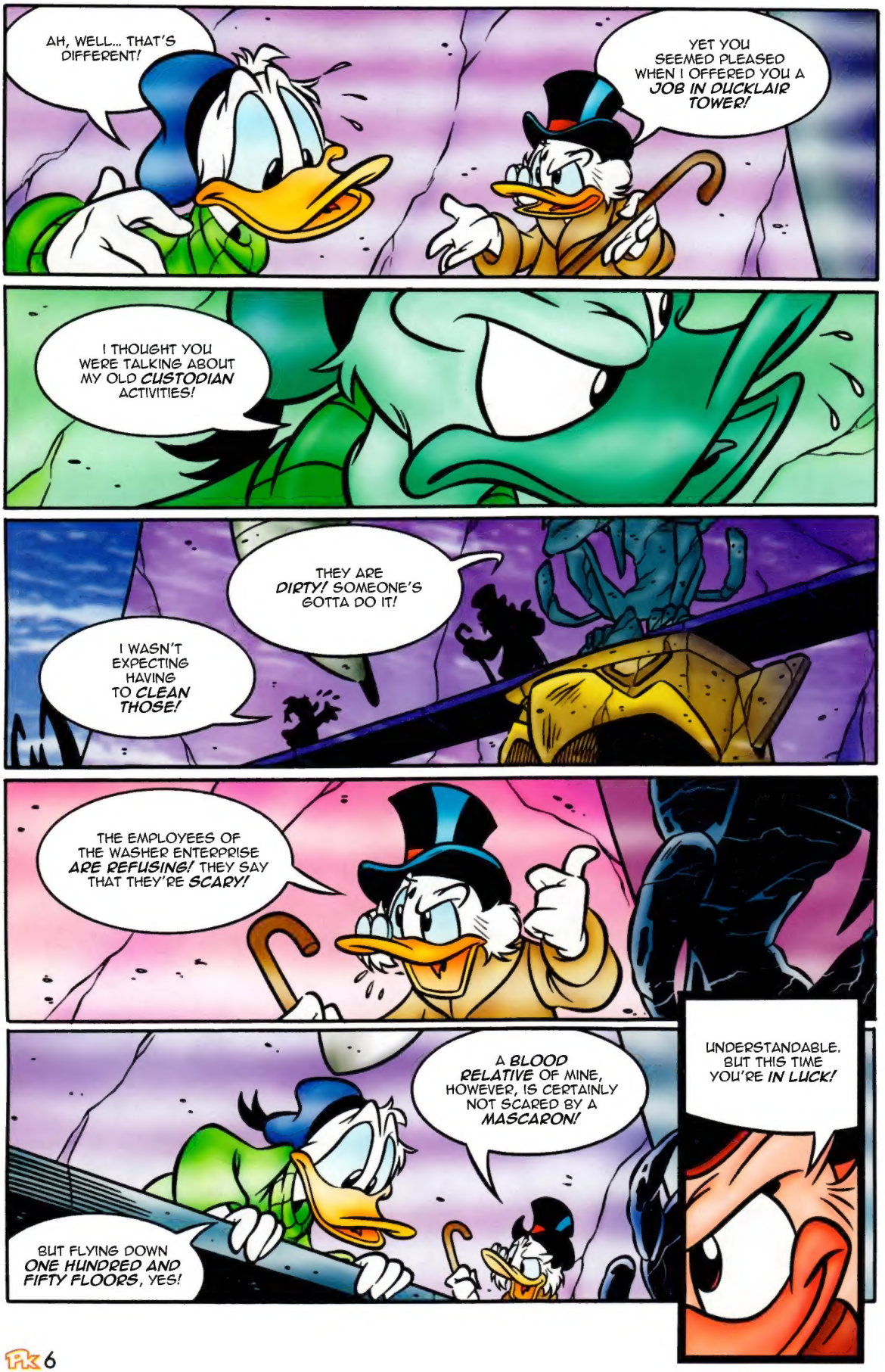
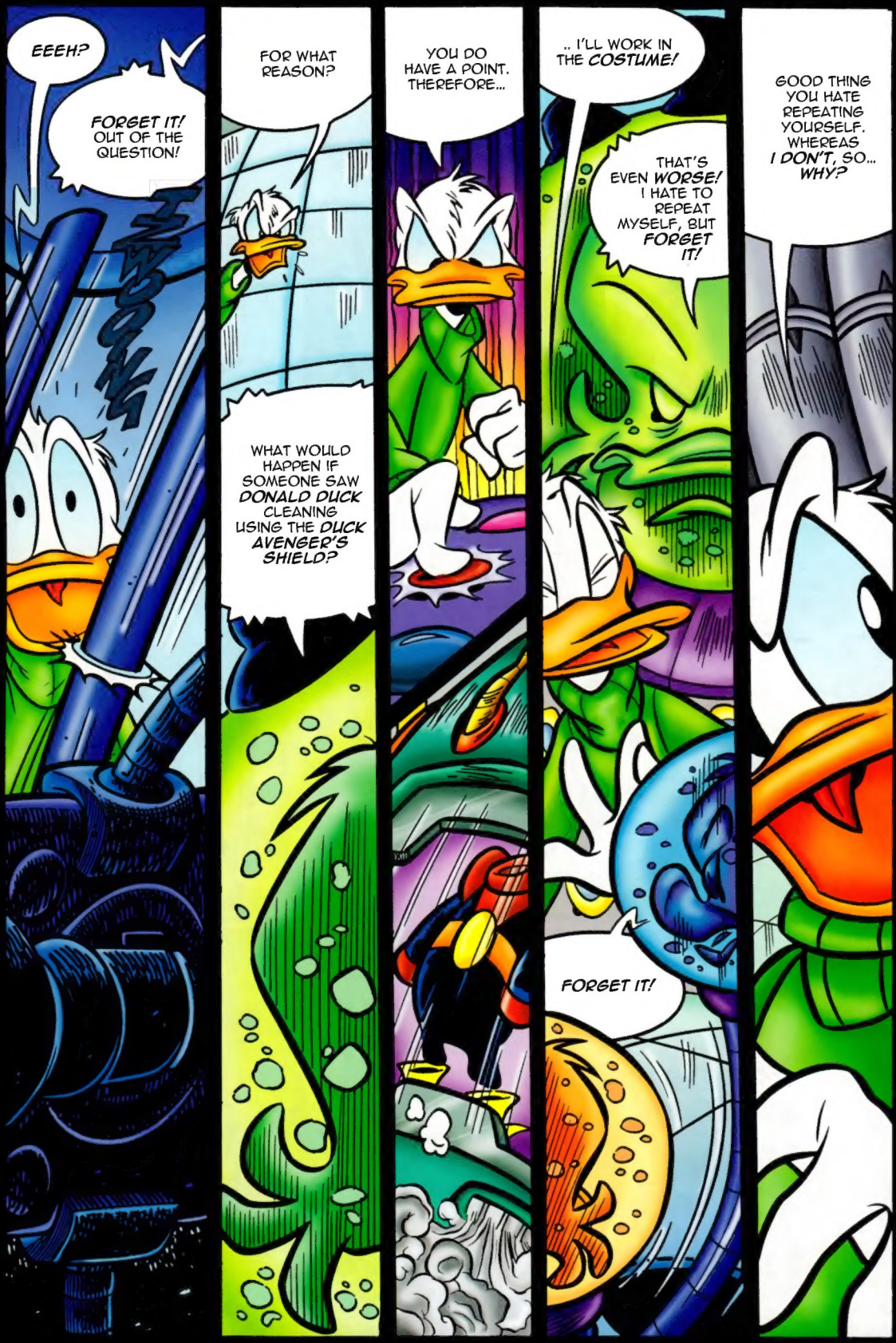
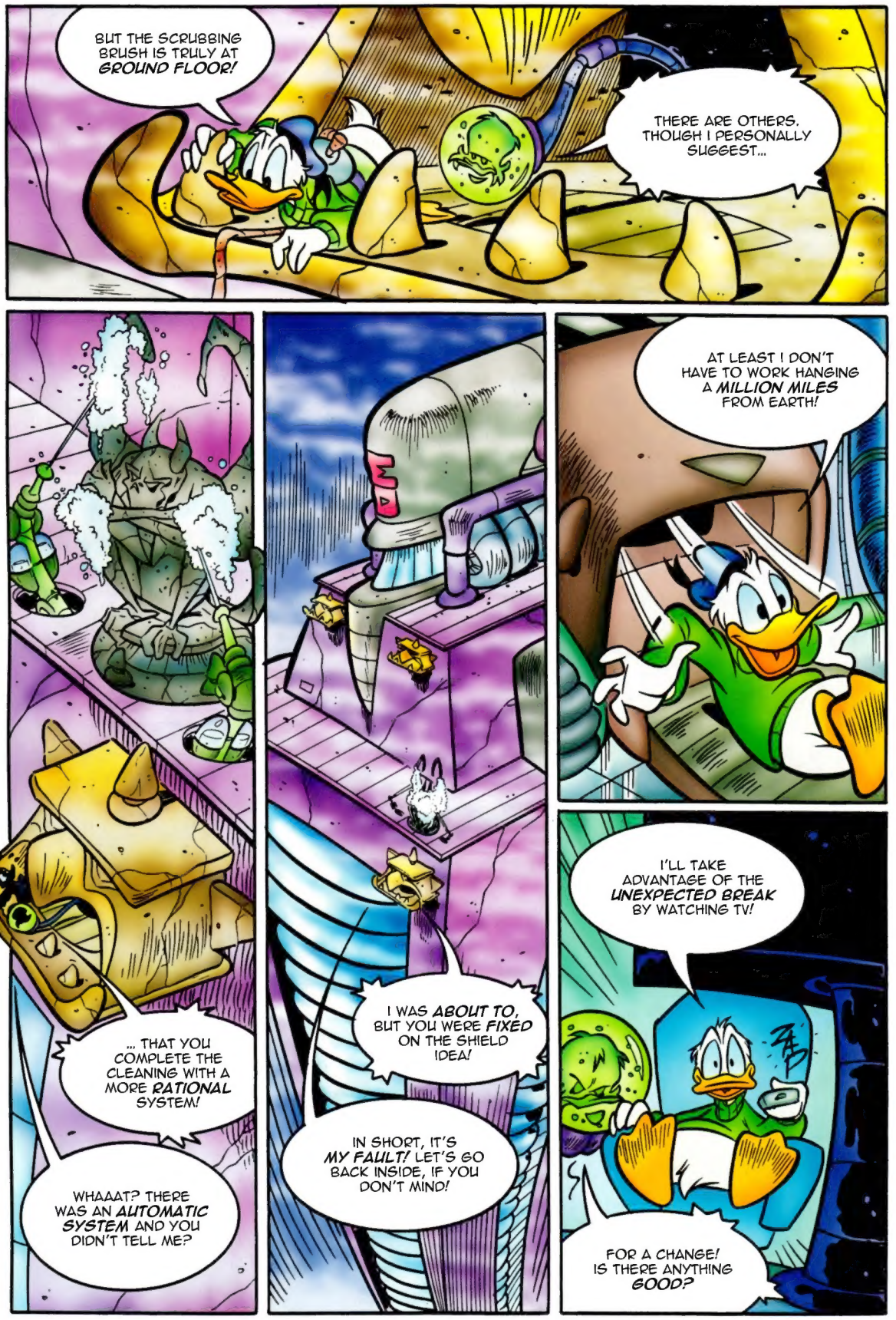

AH, WELL... THAT'S DIFFERENT!
YET YOU SEEMED PLEASED WHEN I OFFERED YOU A JOB IN DUCKLAIR TOWER!
I THOUGHT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT MY OLD CUSTODIAN ACTIVITIES!
THEY ARE DIRTY! SOMEONE'S GOTTA DO IT!
I WASN'T EXPECTING HAVING TO CLEAN THOSE!
THE EMPLOYEES OF THE WASHER ENTERPRISE ARE REFUSING! THEY SAY THAT THEY'RE SCARY!
A BLOOD RELATIVE OF MINE, HOWEVER, IS CERTAINLY NOT SCARED BY A MASCARON!
UNDERSTANDABLE. BUT THIS TIME YOU'RE IN LUCK!
BUT FLYING DOWN ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY FLOORS, YES!

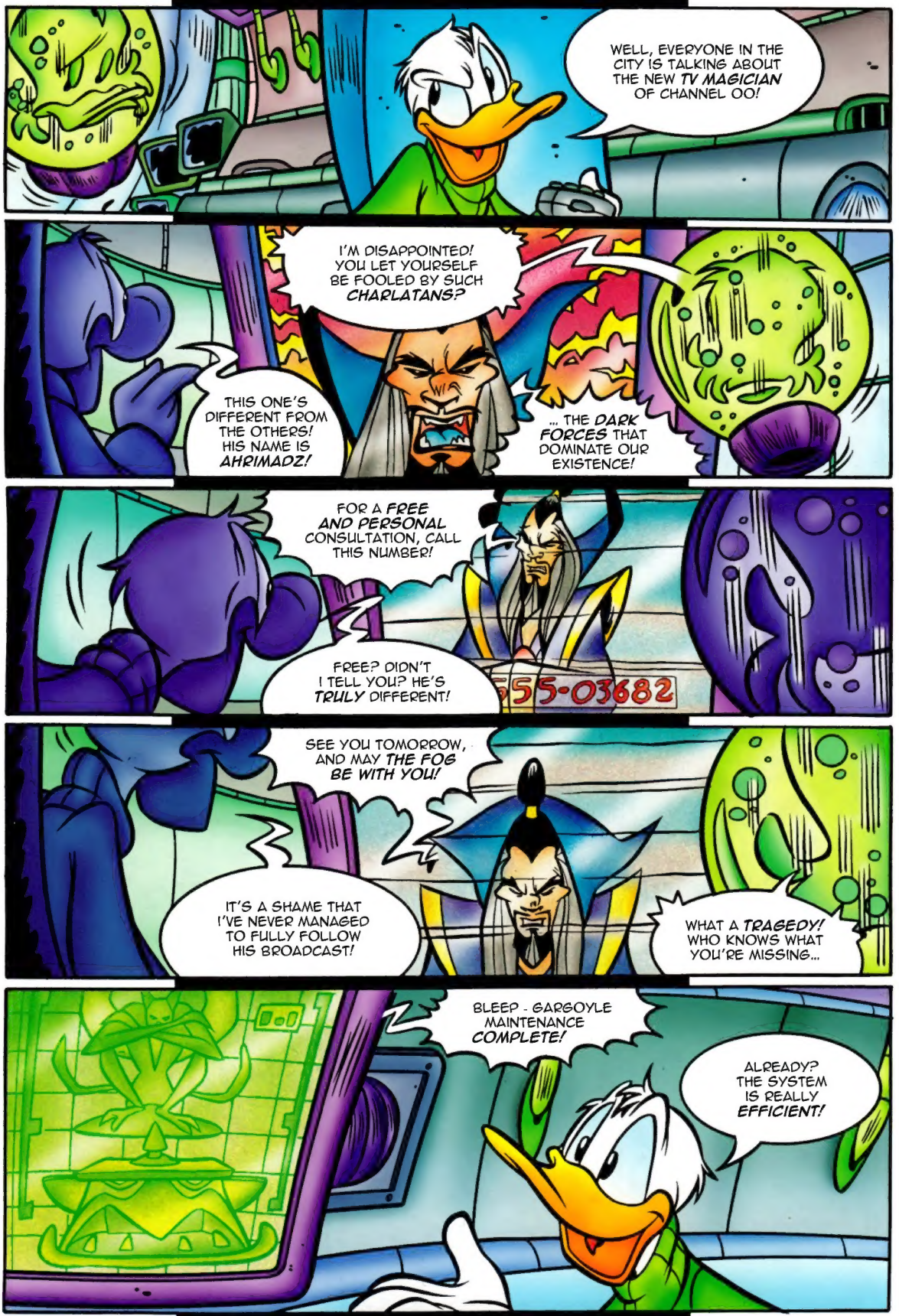
REALLY? HOW SO?
WITH THIS FOG, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO SEE BELOW AND SUFFER FROM VERTIGO!
IN THE STOREROOM THERE'S ROPES, PULLEYS, BRUSHES AND EVERYTHING ELSE!
CALL ME WHEN YOU'RE DONE! AND DON'T WASTE DETERGENT!
ALRIGHT. GOODBYE, UNCLE!
HEARD THAT, ONE? I WAS REHIRED AS AN ACROBAT!
EXACTLY! AND I KNOW WHAT IT IS!
THERE IS PERHAPS A WAY TO DO YOUR TASK WITHOUT TOO MUCH RISK!
HOW?
WITH THE X-TRANSFORMER I CAN POLISH THE GARGOYLES IN FLIGHT!


EEEH?
FORGET IT! OUT OF THE QUESTION!
FOR WHAT REASON?
WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF SOMEONE SAW DONALD DUCK CLEANING USING THE DUCK AVENGER'S SHIELD?
YOU DO HAVE A POINT. THEREFORE...
.. I'LL WORK IN THE COSTUME!
THAT'S EVEN WORSE! I HATE TO REPEAT MYSELF, BUT FORGET IT!
FORGET IT!
GOOD THING YOU HATE REPEATING YOURSELF. WHEREAS I DON'T, SO... WHY?

SAME AS BEFORE! THE AVENGER DOES A TASK ENTRUSTED TO DONALD DUCK?
I COULD HAVE ASKED HIM TO DO IT AS A *FAVOR!* EVERYONE KNOWS THAT WE CALL EACH OTHER *FRIENDS!*
HMM... ALMOST SOUND CREDIBLE, PARTNER!
BUT ONLY *ALMOST!* THEREFORE, *IT'S NOT HAPPENING!*
Z-ZLAK
IT'S NOT FAIR! WHO WOULD DISCOVER ME IN THAT *PURÉE* OUTSIDE?
I DEMAND TO BE ABLE TO USE THE DUCK AVENGER'S EQUIPMENT FOR...
HAVE I NEVER SHOWED YOU HOW GOOD I AM AT DOING *IMITATIONS?*
OH? WHAT IMITATION DO YOU HAVE NOW?
GET TO WORK, NEPHEW!
I'M GOING, I'M GOING! BUT STOP DOING THAT. MY UNCLE DOESN'T NEED DOUBLES!

THERE, I SHOULD BE SECURE LIKE THIS!
AND THANKS A LOT FOR THE HELP, ONE!
YOU'RE WELCOME. HAVE YOU LOCKED THE CABLE WELL INTO THE PULLEY?
SPLASH
LOCKED IN WHAT SENS...
OUCH! THE SIDEWALK DIDN'T SEEM TO BE THAT CLOSE!
SPLAT
IN THIS SENSE. VERTICAL, I'D SAY!
WWWWWAK
...OOOOOOOH!

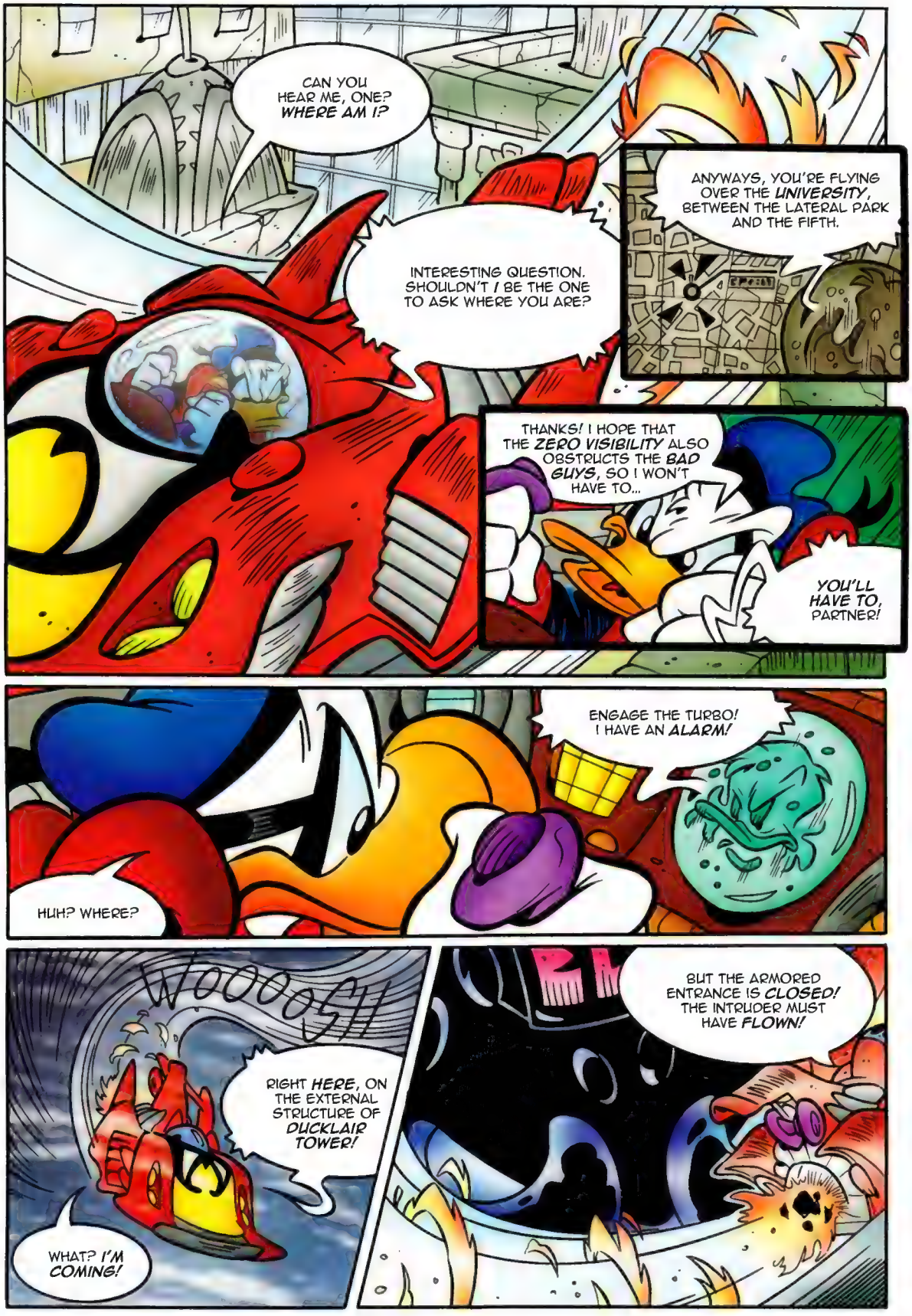

BUT THE SCRUBBING BRUSH IS TRULY AT GROUND FLOOR!
THERE ARE OTHERS. THOUGH I PERSONALLY SUGGEST...
AT LEAST I DON'T HAVE TO WORK HANGING A MILLION MILES FROM EARTH!
... THAT YOU COMPLETE THE CLEANING WITH A MORE RATIONAL SYSTEM!
WHAAAT? THERE WAS AN AUTOMATIC SYSTEM AND YOU DIDN'T TELL ME?
I WAS ABOUT TO, BUT YOU WERE FIXED ON THE SHIELD IDEA!
IN SHORT, IT'S MY FAULT! LET'S GO BACK INSIDE, IF YOU DON'T MIND!
I'LL TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE UNEXPECTED BREAK BY WATCHING TV!
FOR A CHANGE! IS THERE ANYTHING GOOD?

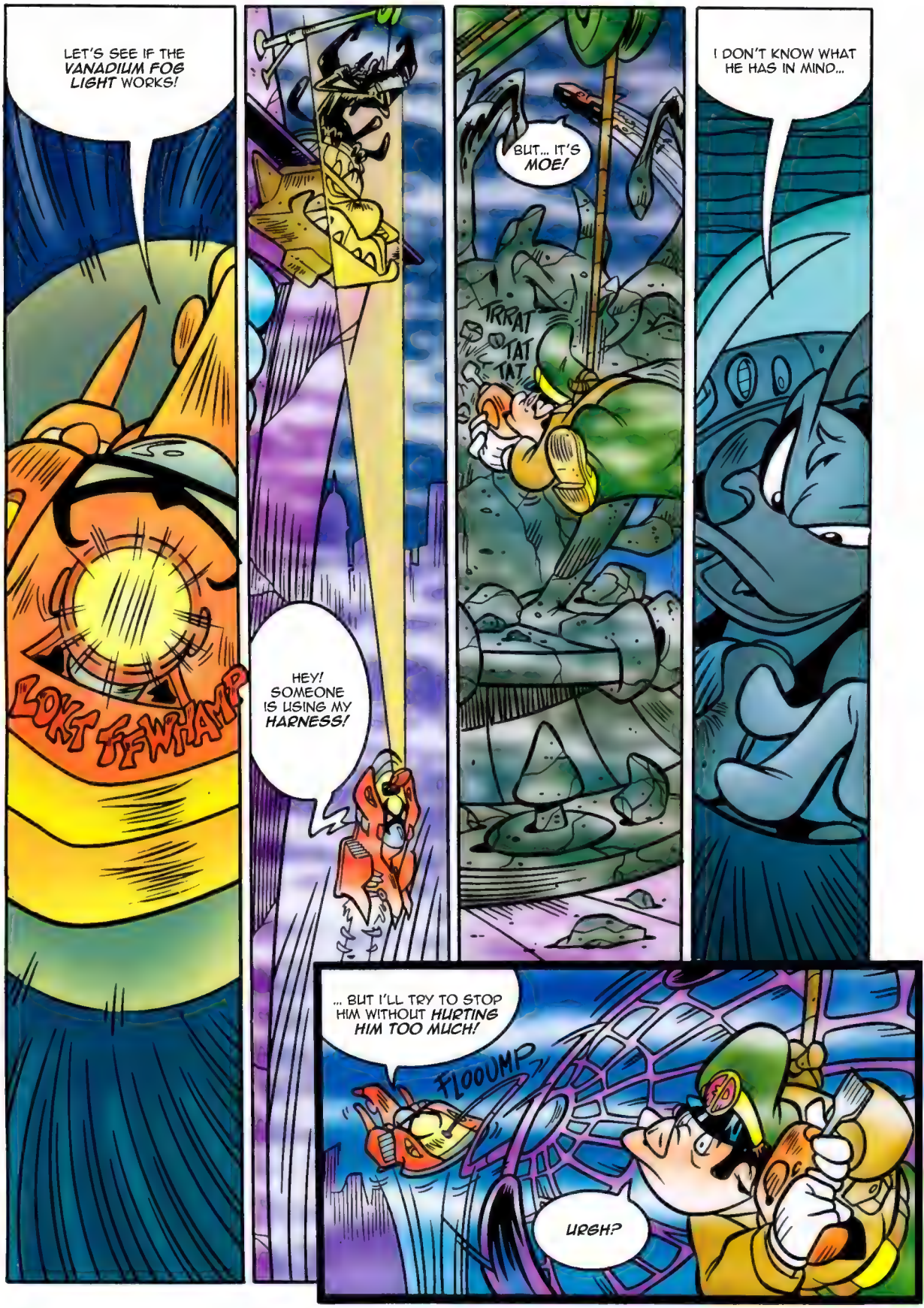

WELL, EVERYONE IN THE CITY IS TALKING ABOUT THE NEW TV MAGICIAN OF CHANNEL 00!
I'M DISAPPOINTED! YOU LET YOURSELF BE FOOLED BY SUCH CHARLATANS?
THIS ONE'S DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHERS! HIS NAME IS AHRIMADZ!
... THE DARK FORCES THAT DOMINATE OUR EXISTENCE!
FOR A FREE AND PERSONAL CONSULTATION, CALL THIS NUMBER!
FREE? DIDN'T I TELL YOU? HE'S TRULY DIFFERENT!
55-03682
SEE YOU TOMORROW, AND MAY THE FOG BE WITH YOU!
IT'S A SHAME THAT I'VE NEVER MANAGED TO FULLY FOLLOW HIS BROADCAST!
WHAT A TRAGEDY! WHO KNOWS WHAT YOU'RE MISSING...
BLEEP - GARGOYLE MAINTENANCE COMPLETE!
ALREADY? THE SYSTEM IS REALLY EFFICIENT!

MASTER DUCKLAIR CARED A LOT ABOUT HIS ARCHITECTURAL ORNAMENTS!
I'VE ALWAYS WONDERED WHAT THEY WERE GOOD FOR!
TO PRETTIFY DUCKLAIR TOWER. WHAT ELSE?
PRETTIFY, EH? IF YOU SAY SO...
MASTER DUCKLAIR PERSONALLY DESIGNED THEM...
... AFTER HAVING STUDIED SOME RARE BOOKS, WRITTEN BY BUILDERS OF ANCIENT CATHEDRALS!
AND VICE VERSA! TAKE ME, FOR EXAMPLE. I'M AN ARTIST OF COOKING!
SERIOUSLY? SO MUCH EFFORT FOR THAT RESULT?
HI HI! A GENIUS ISN'T ALSO NECESSARILY AN ARTIST!

SO I'M GOING HOME TO PREPARE DINNER FOR THE BOYS!
LATER, THEN! REMEMBER THE SIX O'CLOCK PATROL TONIGHT!
FANTASTIC. I'LL HAVE TO USE THE RADAR TO DO IT!
GOOD NIGHT, SYD! HAVE FUN, MOE!
SEE YOU TOMORROW, DONALD. GIVE THE BOSS MY REGARDS!
HE HE! AND ONE ACCUSES ME OF BEING A COUCH POTATO!
SSSHHHH
AND MOE, THEN? HE WOULDN'T DETACH HIS EYES FROM THE SCREEN EVEN IF EVRONIANS INVADED DUCKLAIR TOWER!

KHOUDNASTAN, FORTY YEARS AGO... (NO FOG IN THESE PARTS).
LOOK, PHILIP. THAT SEEMS LIKE A RITUAL PROCESSION!
BY JOVE!
SAY, OLD CHAP, WHAT ARE YOU CELEBRATING?
THE DEDICATION OF THE NEW MOUHAD, SAHIB!
N' MASHTE', PARVI!
N' MASHTE', PARVI!
LITTLE PARVI WAS CHOSEN TO SUCCEED THE POWERFUL SHADDAYB!
REVEAL YOURSELF! WHO ARE YOU?
I WAS PARVI, MASTER SHADDYAB. YOU KNOW WHO I AM NOW!
SINCE YOU'VE SPOKEN ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF THE GODS, YOU WILL FROM TODAY BE AHRIMADZ!

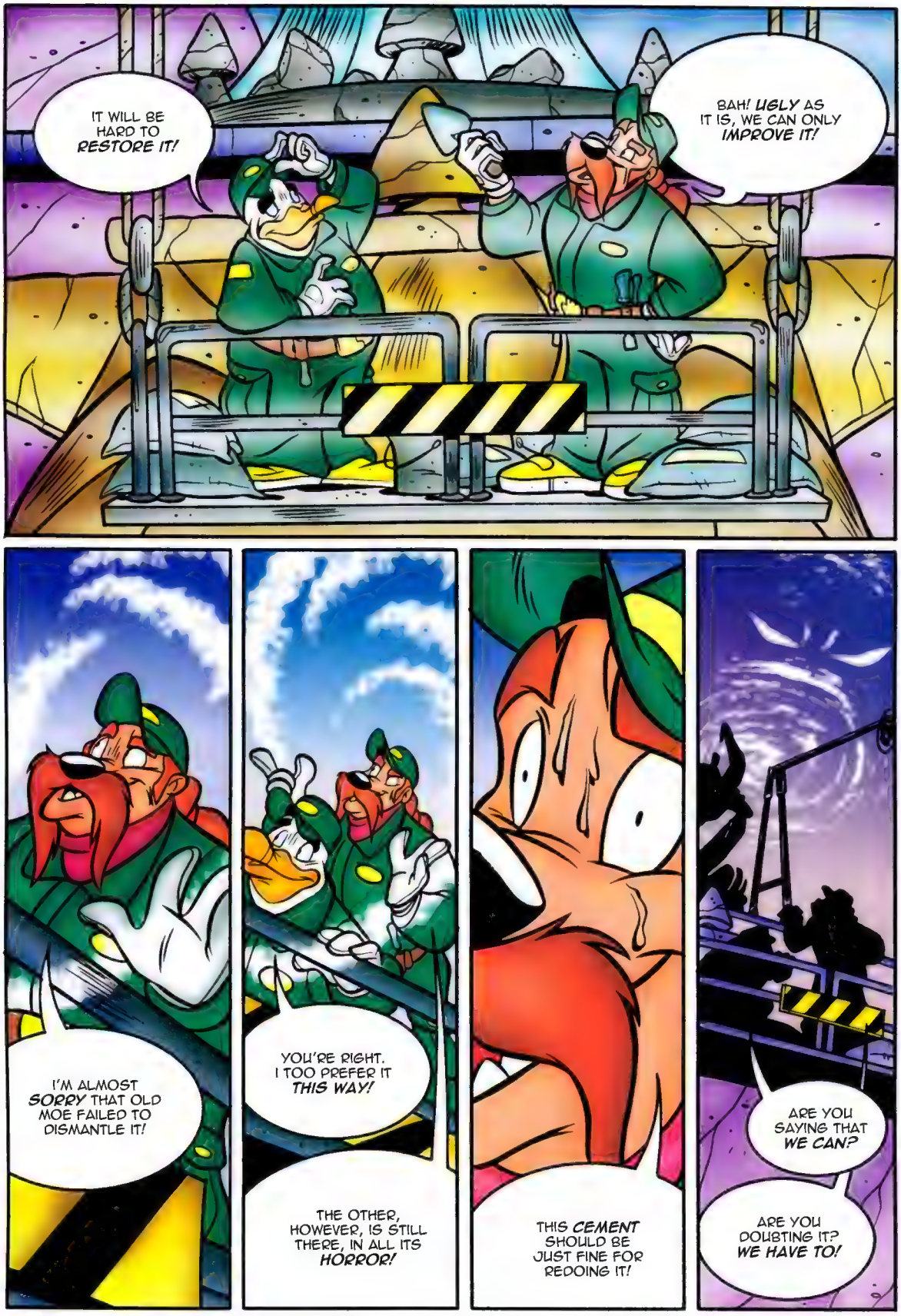

CAN YOU HEAR ME, ONE? WHERE AM I?
INTERESTING QUESTION. SHOULDN'T I BE THE ONE TO ASK WHERE YOU ARE?
ANYWAYS, YOU'RE FLYING OVER THE UNIVERSITY, BETWEEN THE LATERAL PARK AND THE FIFTH.
THANKS! I HOPE THAT THE ZERO VISIBILITY ALSO OBSTRUCTS THE BAD GUYS, SO I WON'T HAVE TO...
YOU'LL HAVE TO, PARTNER!
ENGAGE THE TURBO! I HAVE AN ALARM!
HUH? WHERE?
WOOOOSH
RIGHT HERE, ON THE EXTERNAL STRUCTURE OF DUCKLAIR TOWER!
WHAT? I'M COMING!
BUT THE ARMORED ENTRANCE IS CLOSED! THE INTRUDER MUST HAVE FLOWN!


LET'S SEE IF THE VANADIUM FOG LIGHT WORKS!
LOWT FFWHAMP
HEY! SOMEONE IS USING MY HARNESS!
BUT... IT'S MOE!
TRRAT TAT TAT
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE HAS IN MIND...
... BUT I'LL TRY TO STOP HIM WITHOUT HURTING HIM TOO MUCH!
FLOOUMP
URGH?

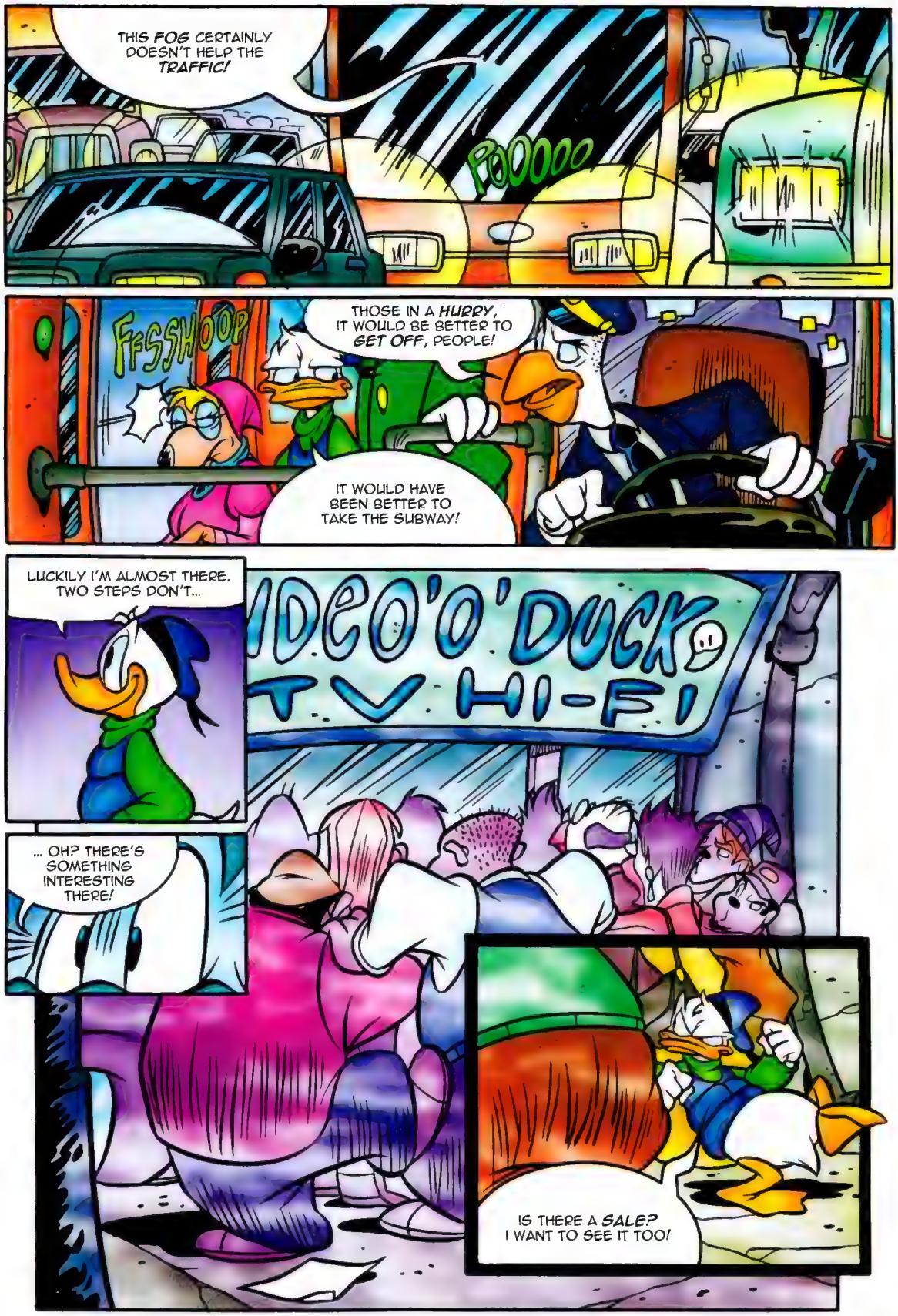
SY... EHEM! GUARD!
WHO...
DUCK AVENGER? HOW DID YOU GET IN HERE?
I HAVE MY WAYS. LET'S TALK ABOUT SOMETHING ELSE!
THE STATUES! I HAVE TO DESTROY THEM!
MOE? HE MUST BE OUT OF HIS MIND!
YOUR FRIEND WAS TRYING TO DEMOLISH DUCKLAIR TOWER, STARTING FROM THE TOP!
POOR GUY! HE'S BEEN ACTING STRANGE LATELY... ALWAYS DAZED AND BEWILDERED!
TOO MUCH TELEVISION, EH?
MAYBE, ESPECIALLY THE PROGRAM OF THE WIZARD!
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? THE STATUES!
WHO? AHRIMADZ?
PRECISELY! HE ALSO WENT TO SEE HIM FOR A CONSULTATION!

SEVENTY-FIVE FLOORS UPWARDS...
THE STUDIO IS FINALLY FREE. TAKE A SEAT, COLLEAGUE!
COLLEAGUE? ARE YOU THEREFORE A MAGICIAN, MR. FANGUS?
NO! I THOUGHT YOU WERE A TV SHOWMAN! GYEH GYEH!
I'M SORRY. I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND HAVING WAITED SO LONG TO RECORD!
QUITE THE OPPOSITE, MY DEAR! I PREFER THE HOURS OF DARKNESS!
YOUR MAGICAL THEATER IS A GREAT SUCCESS, RIGHT?
APPARENTLY... OTHERWISE I WOULDN'T BE HERE!
INDEED. YOU MAKE AUDIENCE, SO MY DIRECTOR IMPOSED ME TO INTERVIEW YOU!
I'LL TRY NOT TO EXCEEDINGLY ANNOY YOU!
DON'T DELUDE YOURSELF. I DON'T DIGEST THE ABRACADABRA!

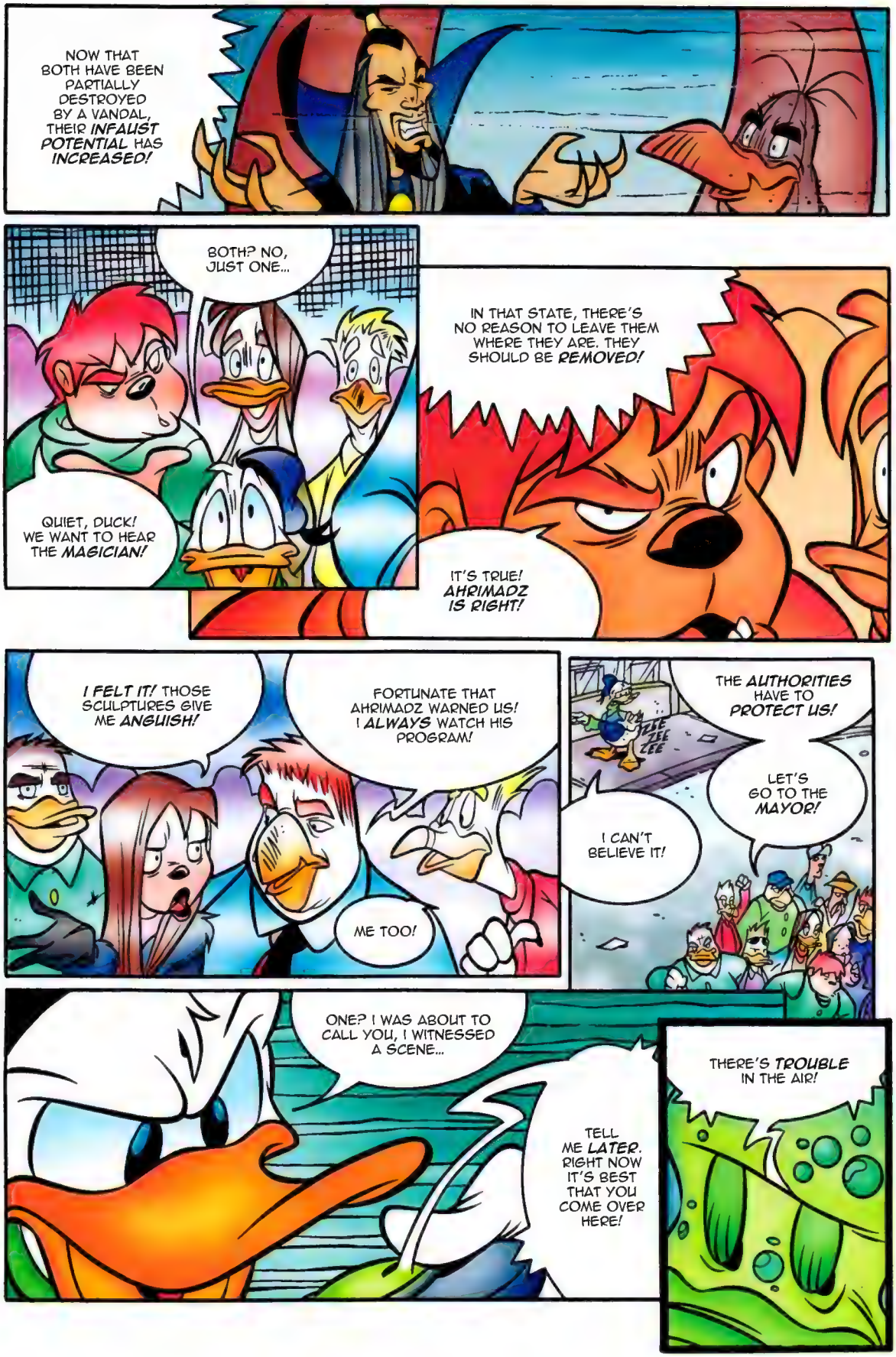
BECAUSE YOU'VE NEVER *TASTED IT*. YOU SHOULD *TRY IT!*
HUH?
AND I WHO HAD JUST CLEANED THEM!
YOU CLEANED THEM?
DON'T BE DIFFICULT! WHAT DO YOU THINK HAPPENED TO MOE?
HE RANTS! KEEPS REPEATING THAT HE MUST DESTROY THE GARGOYLES!
AS IF SOMEONE HAD *INFLUENCED HIM!*
YOU SAID IT! COULD IT BE A NEW KIND OF *COOLFLAMING?*
9:48 AM.
IT'S BEEN TREATED *BADLY*, HUH?
QUITE TRUE!


IT WILL BE HARD TO *RESTORE IT!*
BAH! *UGLY* AS IT IS, WE CAN ONLY *IMPROVE IT!*
I'M ALMOST *SORRY* THAT OLD MOE FAILED TO DISMANTLE IT!
YOU'RE RIGHT. I TOO PREFER IT *THIS WAY!*
THE OTHER, HOWEVER, IS STILL THERE, IN ALL ITS *HORROR!*
THIS *CEMENT* SHOULD BE JUST FINE FOR REDOING IT!
ARE YOU SAYING THAT *WE CAN?*
ARE YOU DOUBTING IT? *WE HAVE TO!*

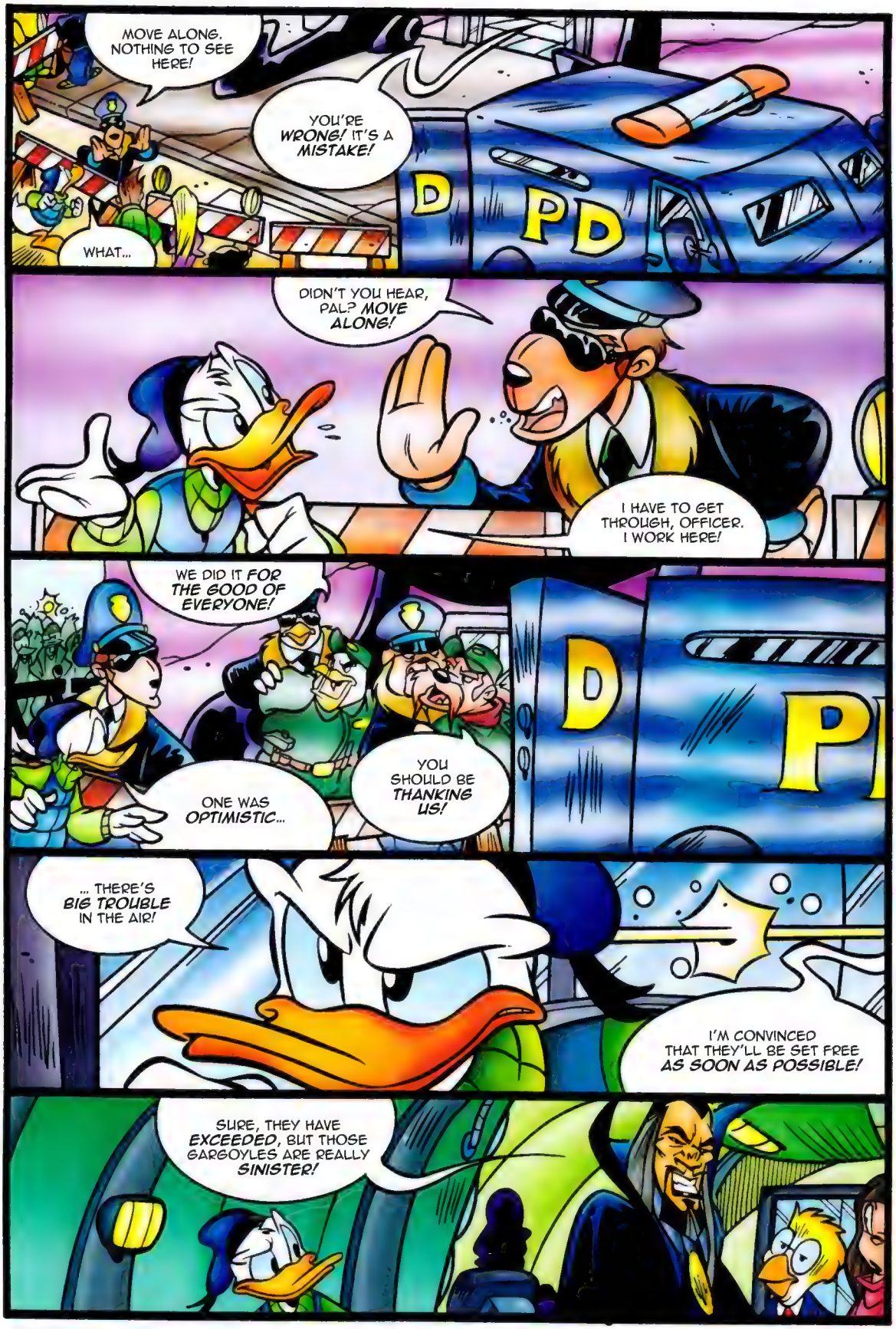
THEN WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?
IT MUST BE RESTORED!
I'LL GIVE YOU THE HONOR!
THANKS!
THERE! IT'S ALREADY PRETTIER, RIGHT?
Stock
YES, BUT NOT ENOUGH!
NOT A PROBLEM! WE HAVE PLENTY OF CEMENT!
SO? ARE YOU MOVING?
I WISH I COULD! I'M STUCK!
SLUP


THIS FOG CERTAINLY DOESN'T HELP THE TRAFFIC!
POOOOO
FFSSHOOP
THOSE IN A HURRY, IT WOULD BE BETTER TO GET OFF, PEOPLE!
IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER TO TAKE THE SUBWAY!
LUCKILY I'M ALMOST THERE. TWO STEPS DON'T...
IDEO'O'DUCK
T.V. HI-FI
... OH? THERE'S SOMETHING INTERESTING THERE!
IS THERE A SALE? I WANT TO SEE IT TOO!

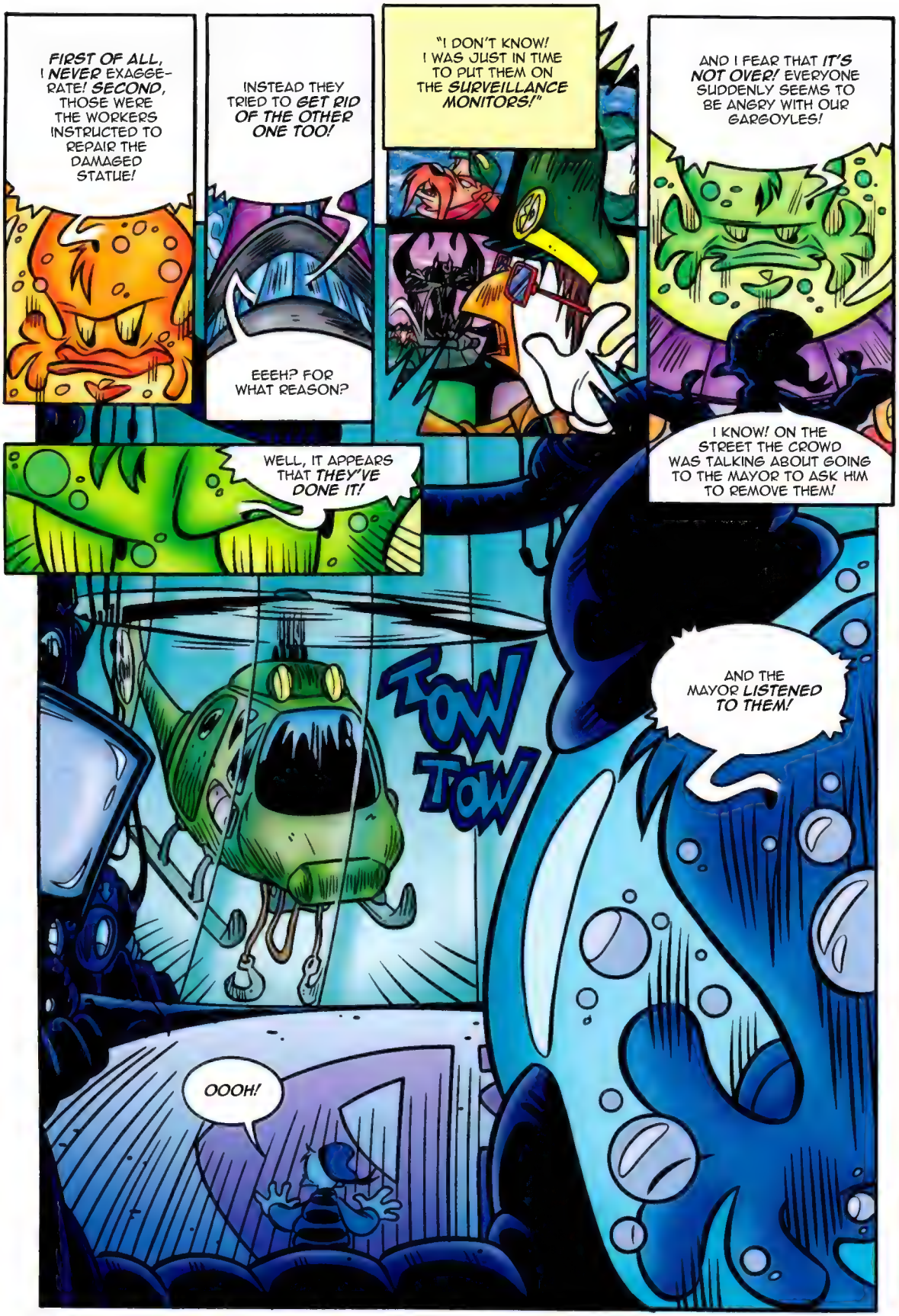
TOTALLY DISGUSTING! A CROWD LIKE THIS FOR ANGUS?
SO YOU FEEL THAT OUR CITY SHOULD BE AESTHETICALLY IMPROVED?
WITHOUT A DOUBT! CERTAIN ARCHITECTURAL EYESORES HAVE A NEGATIVE INFLUENCE ON DAILY EXISTENCE!
LIKE THE ANCIENT MONOLITHS, THE TALLEST BUILDINGS FOCUS SOME MYSTERIOUS NATURAL ENERGIES!
AND THEY CAN DISCHARGE THEM ON THE UNSUSPECTING DUCKBURGIANS!
FOR EXAMPLE, THE MONSTROSITIES ON TOP OF THE SKYSCRAPER WE FIND OURSELVES IN... DUCKLAIR TOWER!
EEEH?

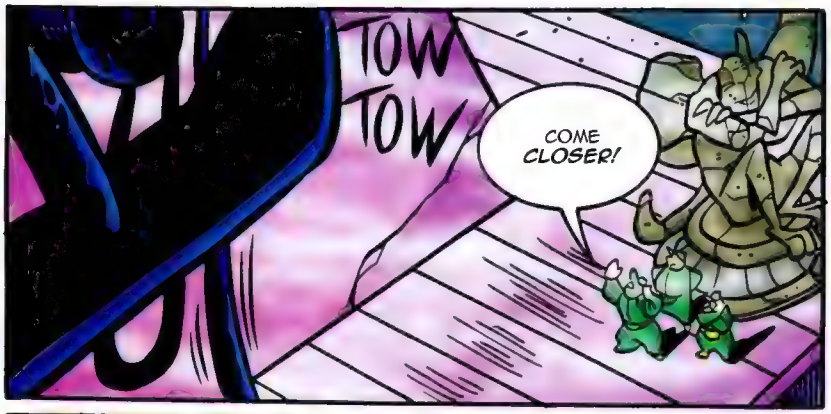

NOW THAT BOTH HAVE BEEN PARTIALLY DESTROYED BY A VANDAL, THEIR INFAUST POTENTIAL HAS INCREASED!
BOTH? NO, JUST ONE...
QUIET, DUCK! WE WANT TO HEAR THE MAGICIAN!
IN THAT STATE, THERE'S NO REASON TO LEAVE THEM WHERE THEY ARE. THEY SHOULD BE REMOVED!
IT'S TRUE! AHRIMADZ IS RIGHT!
I FELT IT! THOSE SCULPTURES GIVE ME ANGUISH!
FORTUNATE THAT AHRIMADZ WARNED US! I ALWAYS WATCH HIS PROGRAM!
ME TOO!
THE AUTHORITIES HAVE TO PROTECT US!
LET'S GO TO THE MAYOR!
I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
ZZE ZEE ZEE
ONE? I WAS ABOUT TO CALL YOU, I WITNESSED A SCENE...
TELL ME LATER. RIGHT NOW IT'S BEST THAT YOU COME OVER HERE!
THERE'S TROUBLE IN THE AIR!

KHOUDNASTAN, THIRTY YEARS AGO...
EXCEPTIONAL! THESE ARE UNAVAILABLE!
HOW DID YOU GET THEM?
HE HE!
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING AT?
OH! THEY'RE JUST DISCS, AHRIMADZ!
JUST? THEY'RE DISCS OF WESTERN ROCK! WANT TO LISTEN WITH US?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? HE'S THE INITIATE!
SO? HE MIGHT LOVE THEM!
THANK YOU, BUT I CAN'T STAY!
MASTER SHADDYAB IS WAITING FOR ME. I HAVE TO STUDY!
POOR GUY! HE SHOULD AT LEAST LEARN ABOUT SOMETHING CONCRETE!
BE QUIET, OR HE'LL CAST A SPELL ON YOU!

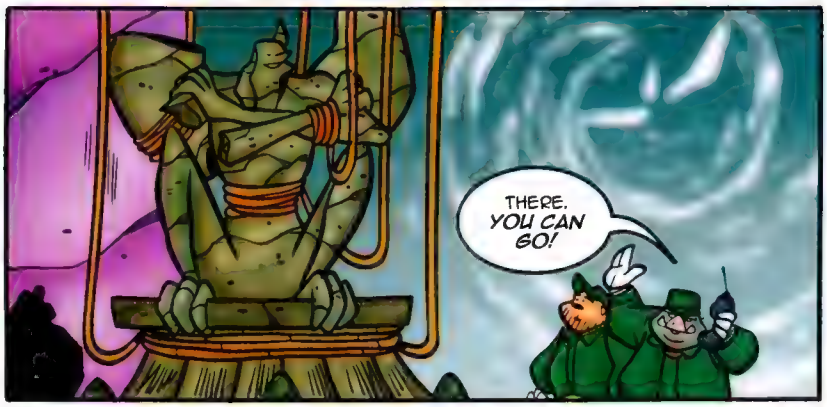

MOVE ALONG. NOTHING TO SEE HERE!
YOU'RE WRONG! IT'S A MISTAKE!
WHAT...
D
PD
DIDN'T YOU HEAR, PAL? MOVE ALONG!
I HAVE TO GET THROUGH, OFFICER. I WORK HERE!
WE DID IT FOR THE GOOD OF EVERYONE!
ONE WAS OPTIMISTIC...
YOU SHOULD BE THANKING US!
D
P
... THERE'S BIG TROUBLE IN THE AIR!
I'M CONVINCED THAT THEY'LL BE SET FREE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
SURE, THEY HAVE EXCEEDED, BUT THOSE GARGOYLES ARE REALLY SINISTER!

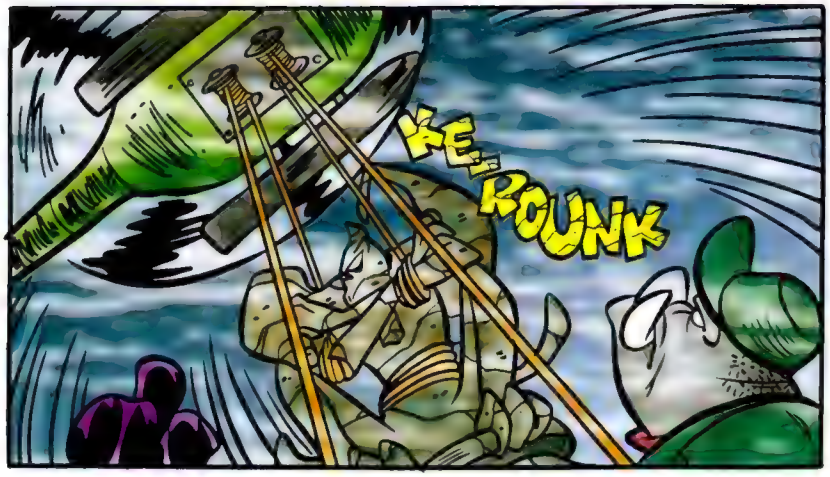
DON'T YOU AGREE, MY YOUNG FRIEND?
EH? YOU TALKING TO ME?
I... I DON'T...
I DON'T THINK SO! I DON'T KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, BUT THE FACT THAT SOMETHING IS UGLY DOESN'T JUSTIFY ANYTHING!
WELCOME! A LITTLE LONGER AND YOU'D RISK FINDING A PLOT OF LAND INSTEAD OF DUCKLAIR TOWER!
DON'T EXAGGERATE. WHAT HAD THOSE TWO GUY DONE TO MAKE THE POLICE TAKE THEM AWAY?


FIRST OF ALL, I NEVER EXAGGERATE! SECOND, THOSE WERE THE WORKERS INSTRUCTED TO REPAIR THE DAMAGED STATUE!
INSTEAD THEY TRIED TO GET RID OF THE OTHER ONE TOO!
"I DON'T KNOW! I WAS JUST IN TIME TO PUT THEM ON THE SURVEILLANCE MONITORS!"
AND I FEAR THAT IT'S NOT OVER! EVERYONE SUDDENLY SEEMS TO BE ANGRY WITH OUR GARGOYLES!
EEEH? FOR WHAT REASON?
WELL, IT APPEARS THAT THEY'VE DONE IT!
I KNOW! ON THE STREET THE CROWD WAS TALKING ABOUT GOING TO THE MAYOR TO ASK HIM TO REMOVE THEM!
TOW TOW
AND THE MAYOR LISTENED TO THEM!
OOOH!


TOW TOW
COME CLOSER!

OKAY, THAT'S GOOD. TRY TO KEEP IT STILL!
TIE IT WELL. THERE'S LOT OF PEOPLE DOWN THERE!


THERE. YOU CAN GO!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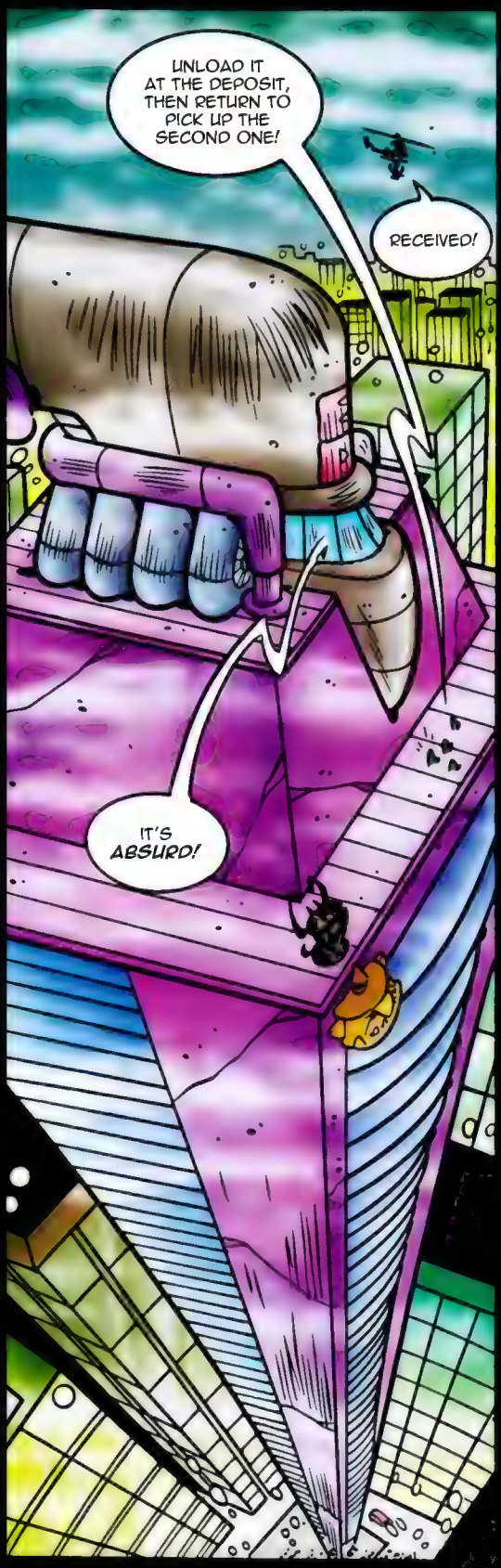
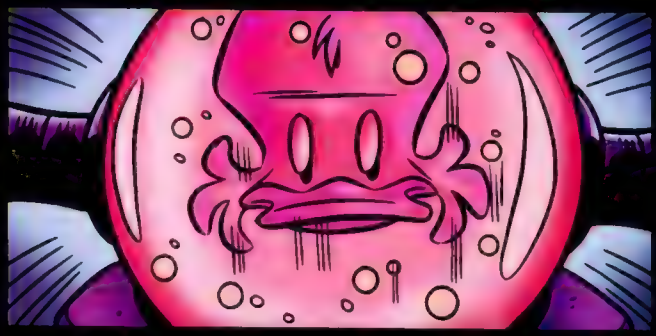
... CALM DOWN. I'M AWARE OF THAT!
YES, YES! I KNOW THAT IT'S YOUR PROPERTY!
ENOUGH! YOU CAN'T GO AGAINST THE ENTIRE CITIZENSHIP!
SURE MR. MCDUCK! EVERYTHING'S AT THE EXPENSE OF THE MUNICIPALITY!
IT WAS NECES-SARY!
OBVIOUSLY!

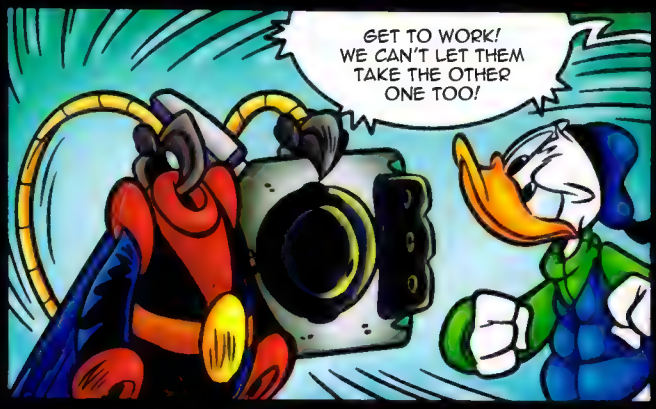

UNLOAD IT AT THE DEPOSIT, THEN RETURN TO PICK UP THE SECOND ONE!
RECEIVED!
IT'S ABSURD!

THEY REALLY TOOK IT AWAY, ONE...

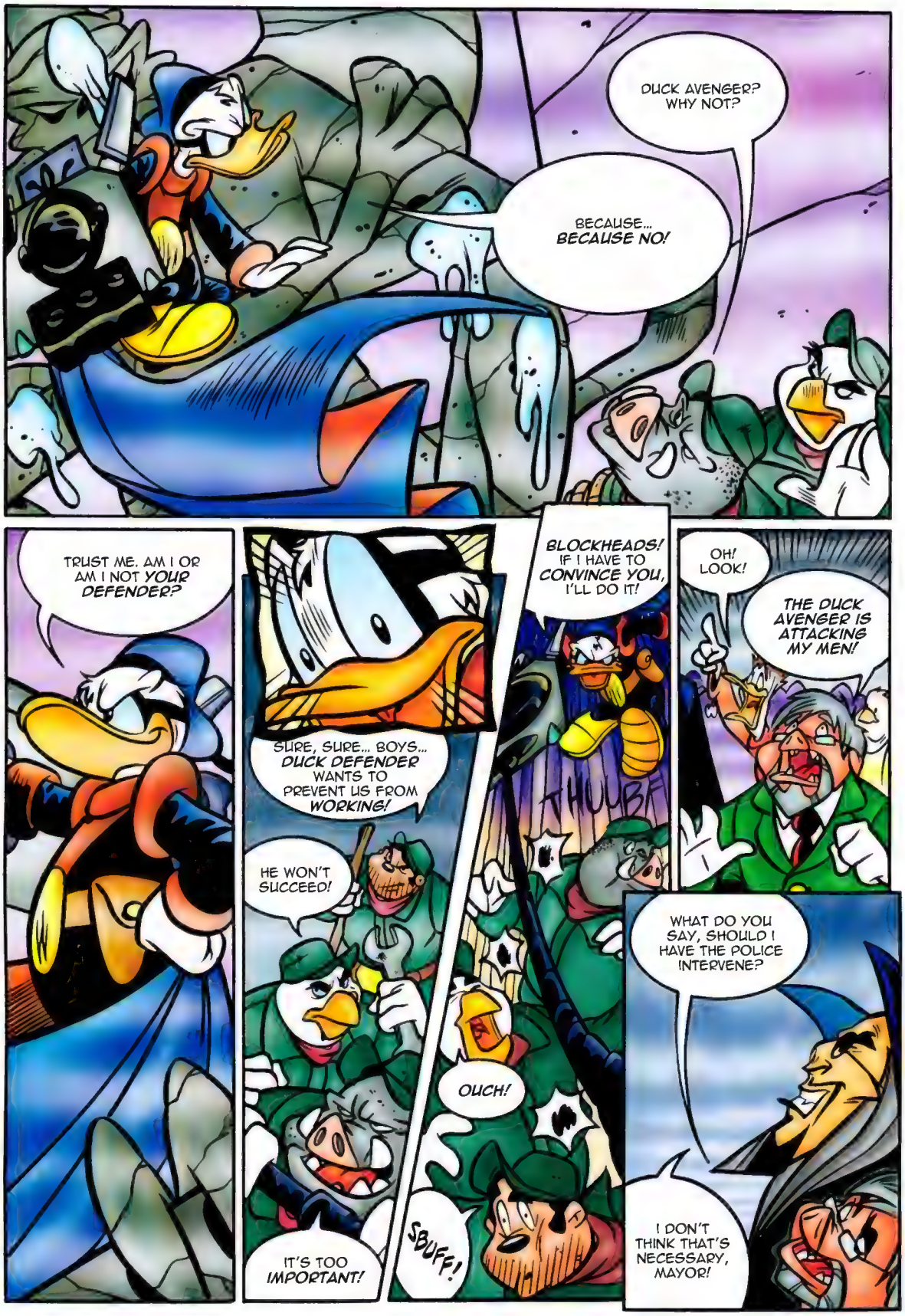


ONE! WHAT'S THE MATTER?

THE REMOVAL OF THE GARGOYLE HAS ACTIVATED AN EMERGENCY FILE OF MINE!

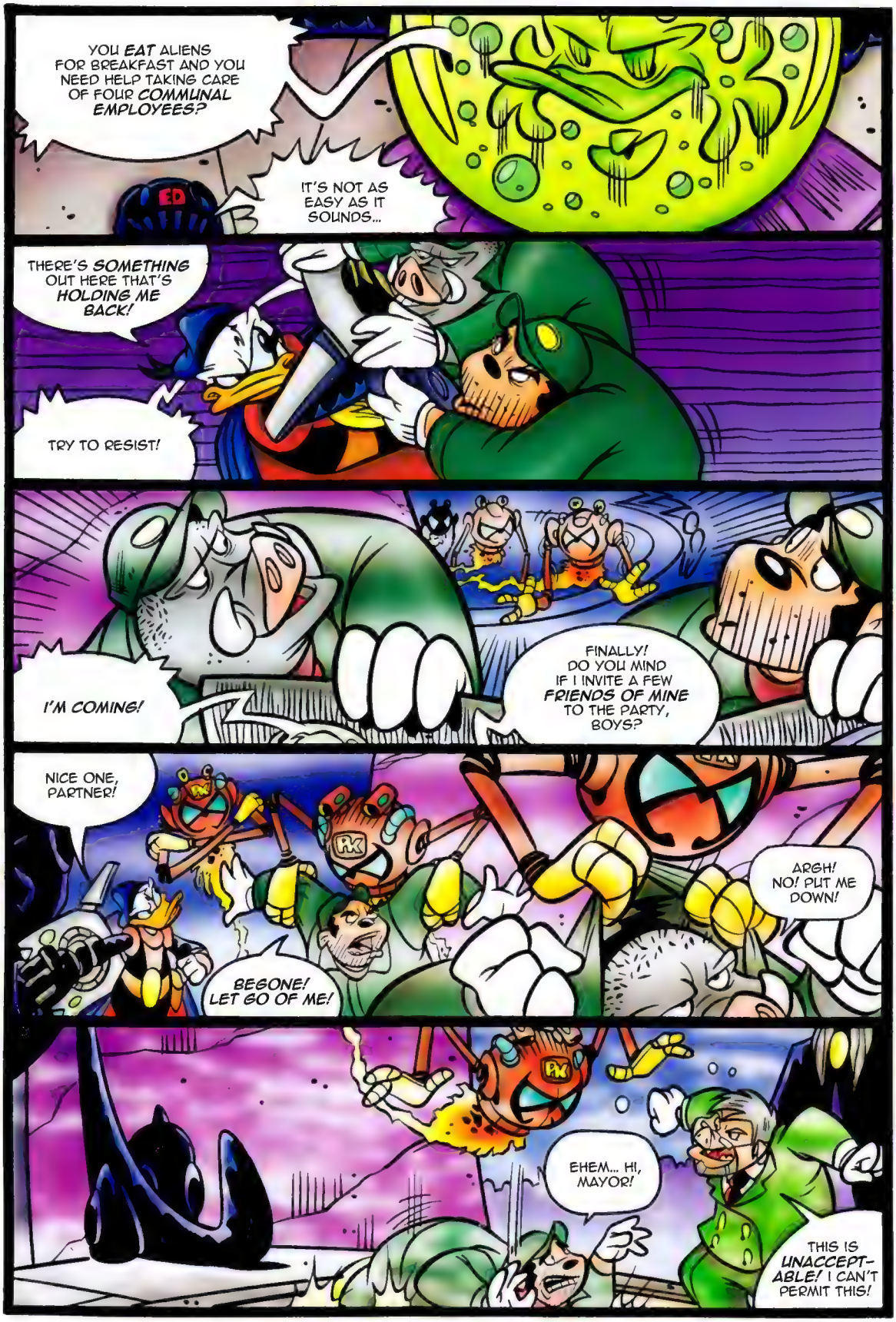

GET TO WORK! WE CAN'T LET THEM TAKE THE OTHER ONE TOO!

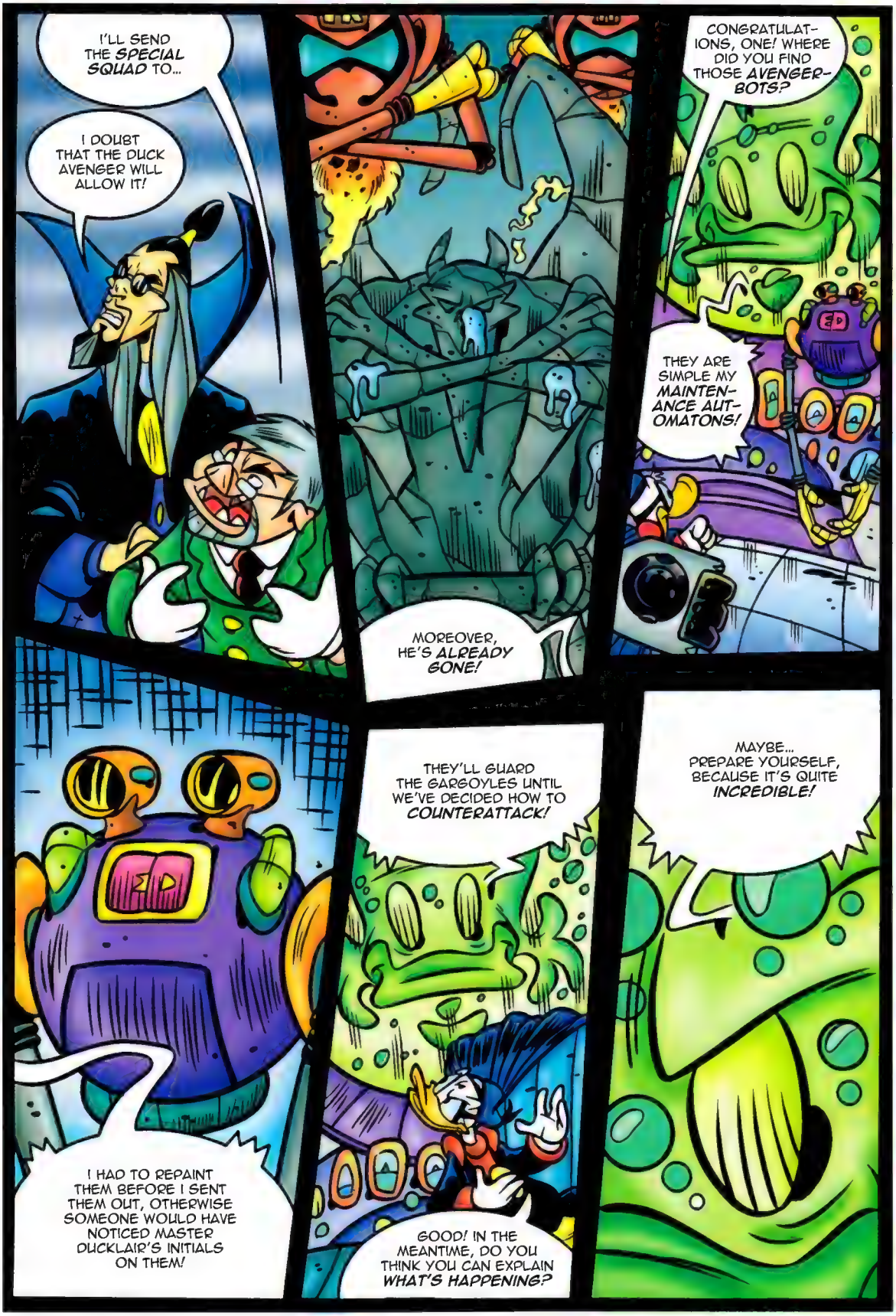
WHILE WE WAIT FOR THE HELICOPTER, LET'S STARTS HARNESSING THE...
NO!


DUCK AVENGER? WHY NOT?
BECAUSE... BECAUSE NO!
TRUST ME. AM I OR AM I NOT YOUR DEFENDER?
SURE, SURE... BOYS... DUCK DEFENDER WANTS TO PREVENT US FROM WORKING!
HE WON'T SUCCEED!
IT'S TOO IMPORTANT!
BLOCKHEADS! IF I HAVE TO CONVINCE YOU, I'LL DO IT!
THUUBF
OUCH!
SBUFF!
OH! LOOK!
THE DUCK AVENGER IS ATTACKING MY MEN!
WHAT DO YOU SAY, SHOULD I HAVE THE POLICE INTERVENE?
I DON'T THINK THAT'S NECESSARY, MAYOR!

SO? HAD ENOUGH OR DO I HAVE TO DO THIS THE HARD WAY?
URGH!
FFZZZT
SBANG
URGH!
STOP THAT! I SAY THIS FOR YOUR OWN...
STUD
THEY TRY TO BRUSH ME AND I HAVE TO SAVE THEM!
THIS IS REALLY TOO MUCH!
AAAAAGH!
OOOPS! I...
HUH?

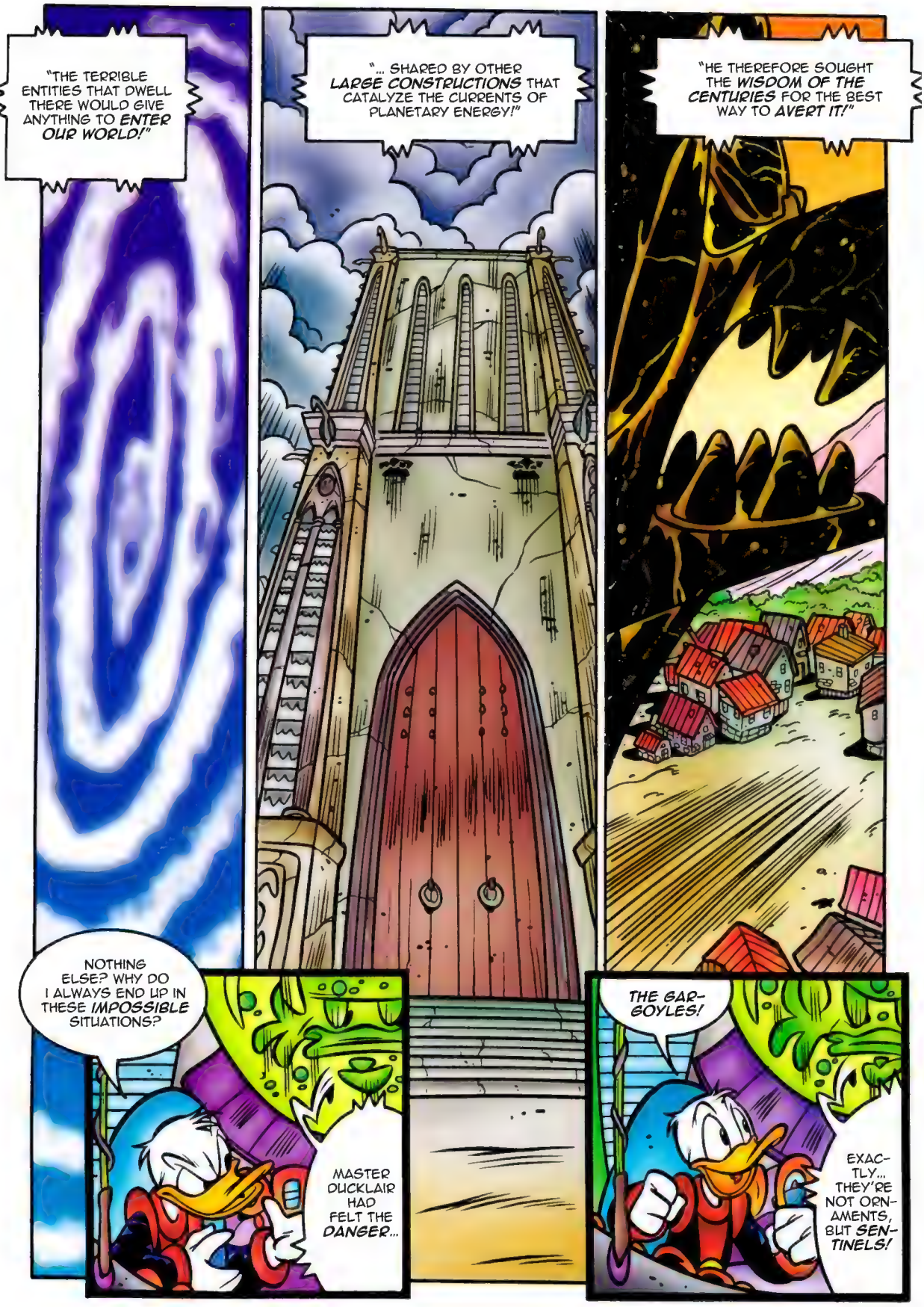
AND YOU, WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING? I CAN'T BE DISTRACTED FOR A SECOND!
ZZZEEW
DUUUH!
YOU GUYS WANT SOME TOO? I'VE SET THE RAY TO "LONG SLEEP AND ENORMOUS HEADACHE"!
WHAT THE...
OUCH!
THUMP
OOOF! ARE YOU THERE, ONE? HOW LONG ARE YOU GONNA WAIT TO GIVE ME A HAND?


YOU EAT ALIENS FOR BREAKFAST AND YOU NEED HELP TAKING CARE OF FOUR COMMUNAL EMPLOYEES?
ED
IT'S NOT AS EASY AS IT SOUNDS...
THERE'S SOMETHING OUT HERE THAT'S HOLDING ME BACK!
TRY TO RESIST!
I'M COMING!
FINALLY! DO YOU MIND IF I INVITE A FEW FRIENDS OF MINE TO THE PARTY, BOYS?
NICE ONE, PARTNER!
BEGONE! LET GO OF ME!
ARGH! NO! PUT ME DOWN!
EHEM... HI, MAYOR!
THIS IS UNACCEPT-ABLE! I CAN'T PERMIT THIS!


I'LL SEND THE SPECIAL SQUAD TO...
I DOUBT THAT THE DUCK AVENGER WILL ALLOW IT!
MOREOVER, HE'S ALREADY GONE!
CONGRATULATIONS, ONE! WHERE DID YOU FIND THOSE AVENGER-BOTS?
THEY ARE SIMPLE MY MAINTENANCE AUTOMATONS!
I HAD TO REPAINT THEM BEFORE I SENT THEM OUT, OTHERWISE SOMEONE WOULD HAVE NOTICED MASTER DUCKLAIR'S INITIALS ON THEM!
THEY'LL GUARD THE GARGOYLES UNTIL WE'VE DECIDED HOW TO COUNTERATTACK!
GOOD! IN THE MEANTIME, DO YOU THINK YOU CAN EXPLAIN WHAT'S HAPPENING?
MAYBE... PREPARE YOURSELF, BECAUSE IT'S QUITE INCREDIBLE!

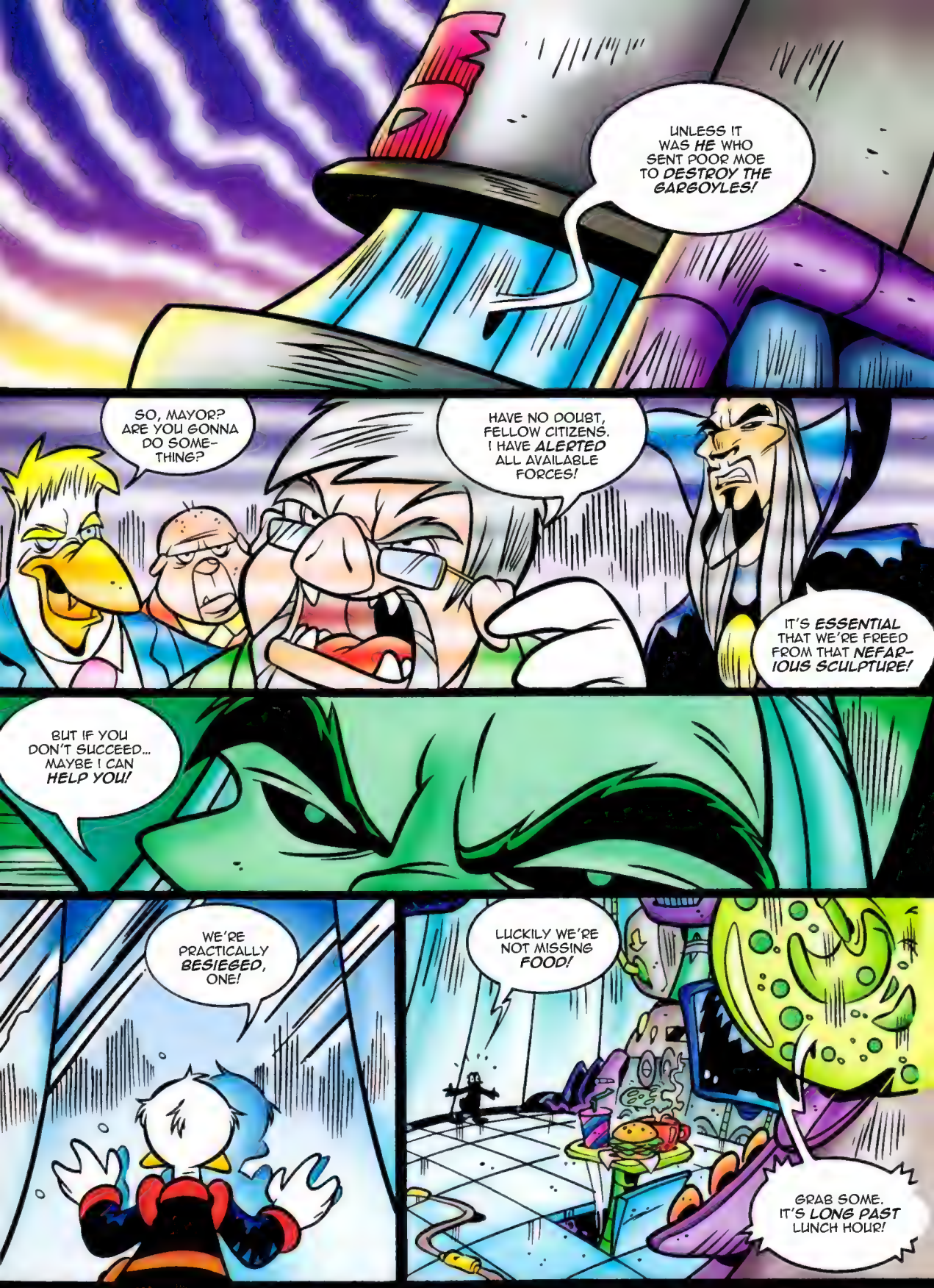
INTERLUDE 3
KHOUDNASTAN, TWENTY YEARS AGO...
LONG LIFE TO YOU, POWERFUL AHRIMADZ!
NOW THAT YOUR MASTER HAS PASSED ON, YOU ARE OUR NEW MOUHAD!
I'LL TRY TO GUIDE AND SUPPORT YOU JUST LIKE HE HAS!
I THANK YOU FOR COMING, BUT... WHERE ARE ALL THE OTHER FAITHFUL ONES?
WHAT OTHERS? WE ARE THE ONLY ONES...
THEY WERE OCCUPIED, MOUHAD AHRIMADZ. BUT WE WERE ASKED TO PAY THEIR RESPECTS!
I SEE. NOW THEY'RE ALWAYS TOO OCCUPIED!

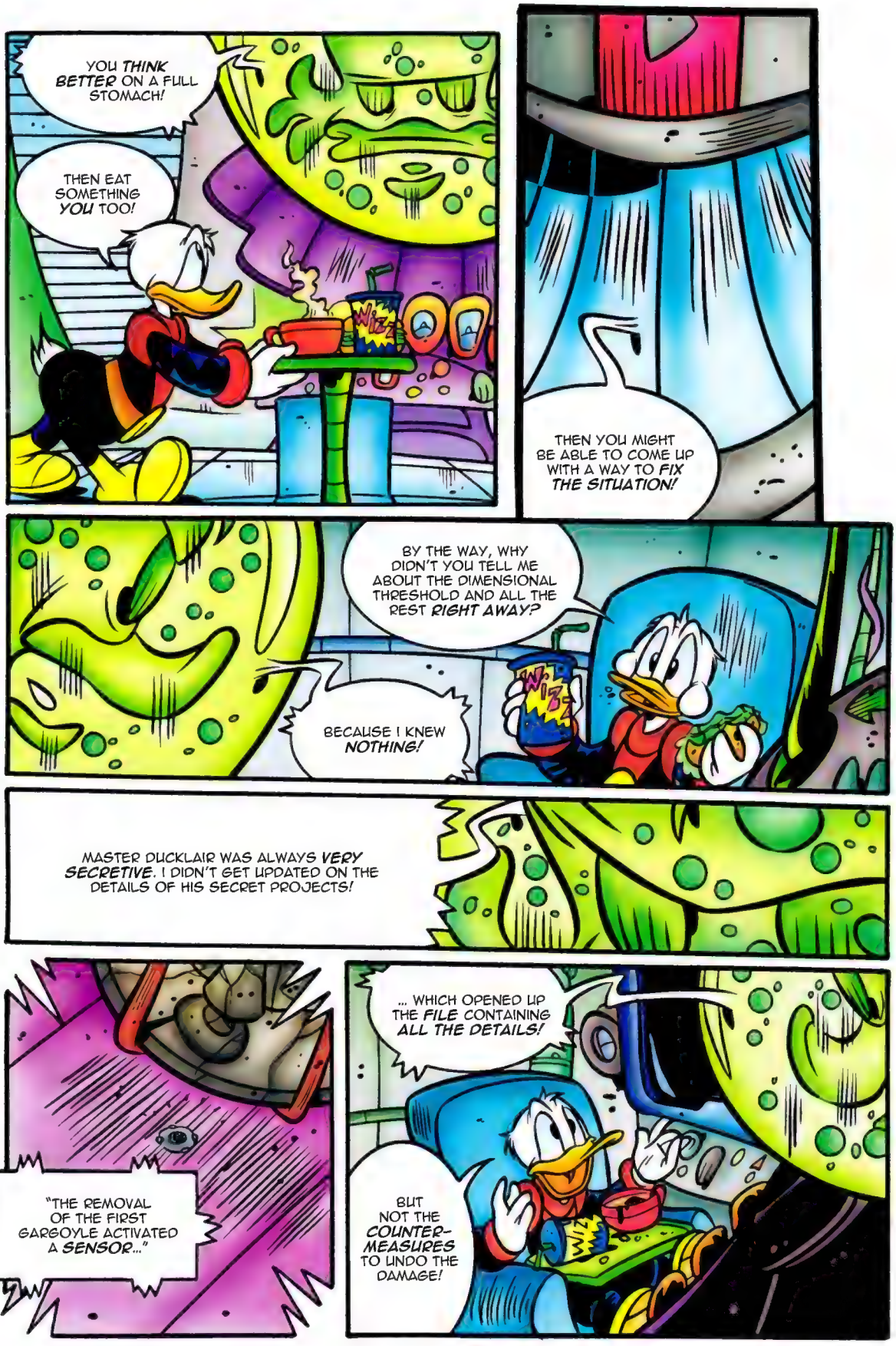
AS YOU KNOW, MY POWER DERIVES FROM THE ERGOGEO-DYNAMIC FLOWS CHANNELED FROM DUCKLAIR TOWER!
SURE, I REMEMBER! (*)
(*) AND IF YOU DON'T, REREAD PKNA#8, "SILICON".
THEIR TOTAL ENERGY CAN DEFORM THE FABRIC OF REALITY!
THE FRICTION BETWEEN THE PLANES OF STABILITY CREATE A RIFT, BORDERING WITH A DIFFERENT CONFIGURATION OF SPACE-TIME!
NAMELY SOME SORT OF DOOR TO AN ALTERNATE UNIVERSE, LIKE THE OTHERSHIP?
IF ONLY! NO, THIS IS A CONTEXT OF PSEUDO-EXISTENCE, WHICH YOU COULD DEFINE AS... MAGIC!

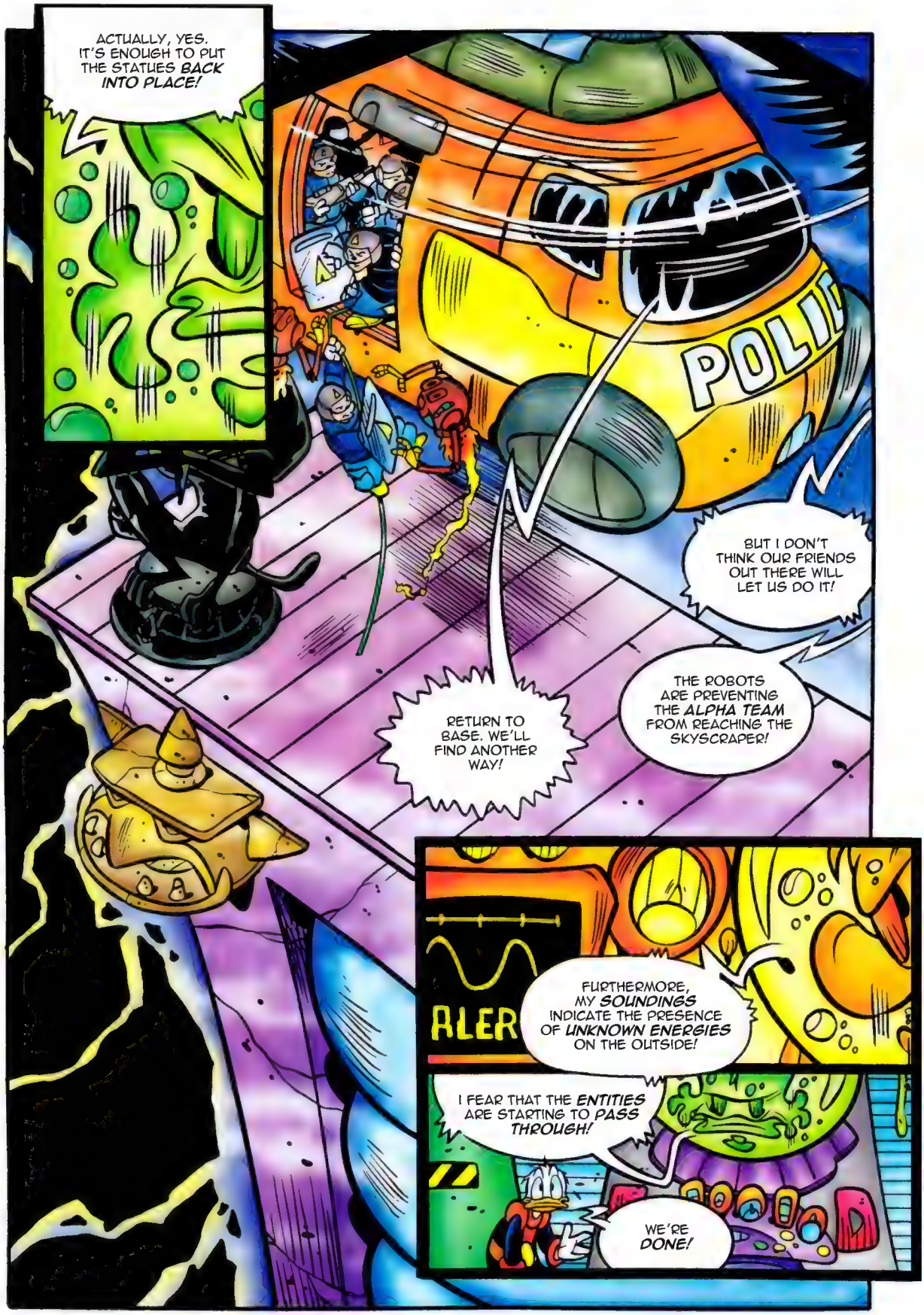

"THE TERRIBLE ENTITIES THAT DWELL THERE WOULD GIVE ANYTHING TO ENTER OUR WORLD!"
"... SHARED BY OTHER LARGE CONSTRUCTIONS THAT CATALYZE THE CURRENTS OF PLANETARY ENERGY!"
"HE THEREFORE SOUGHT THE WISDOM OF THE CENTURIES FOR THE BEST WAY TO AVERT IT!"
NOTHING ELSE? WHY DO I ALWAYS END UP IN THESE IMPOSSIBLE SITUATIONS?
MASTER DUCKLAIR HAD FELT THE DANGER...
THE GARGOYLES!
EXACTLY... THEY'RE NOT ORNAMENTS, BUT SENTINELS!

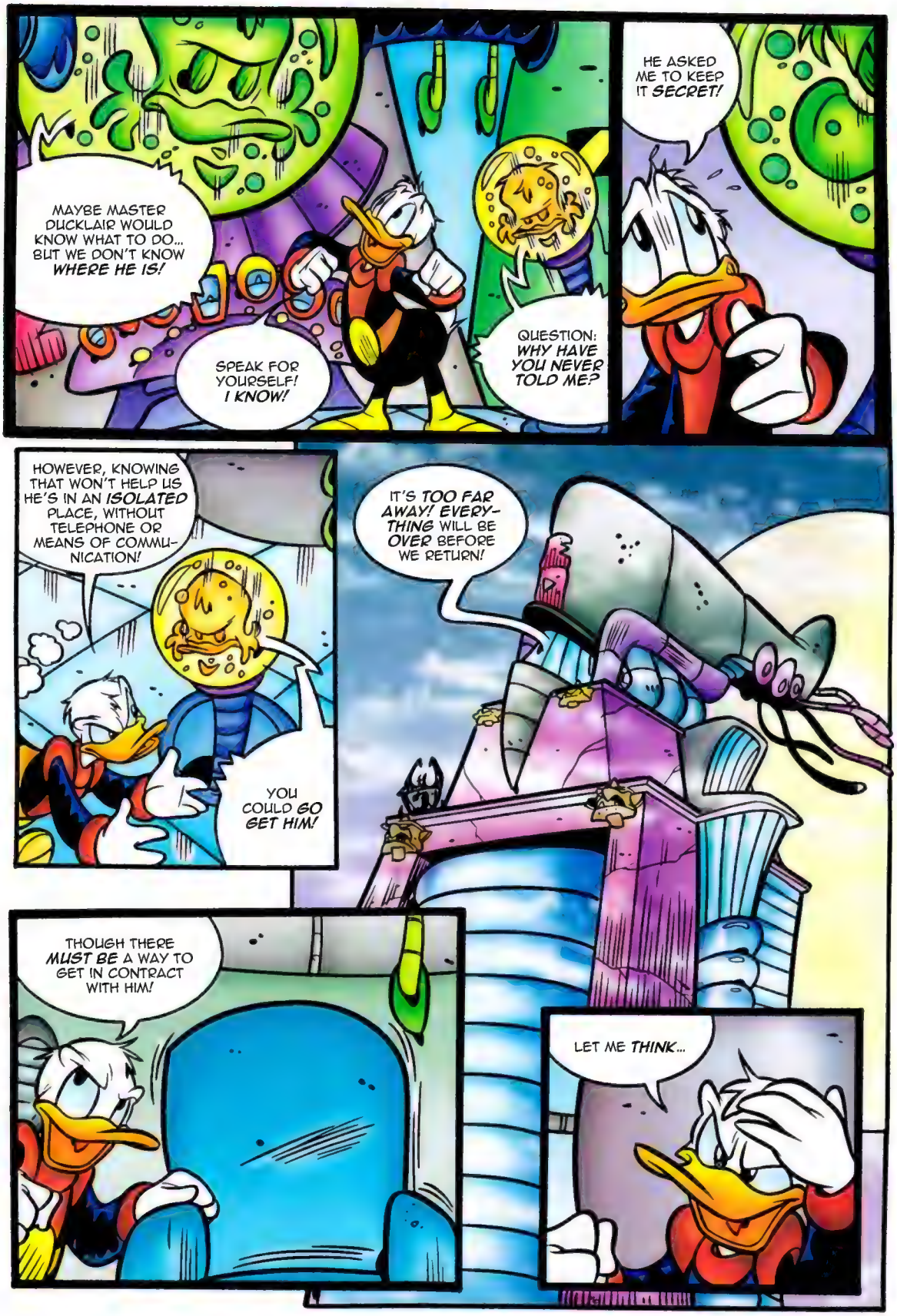
"THEIR FORMS AND PROPORTIONS, ATTENTIVELY TAKEN FROM THE ANCIENT MODELS..."
"... PREVENT THE PASSAGE OF THE INCUMBENT PRIMORDIAL ESSENCES OF THAT SINISTER DIMENSION!"
ON THE OTHER HAND, IF THE STATUES ARE DESTROYED OR MOVED...
AND IT SEEMS THAT THE GOOD DUCKBURGIANS ARE ANXIOUS TO RECEIVE THEM! IT MAKES NO SENSE!
... THERE'LL NO LONGER BE ANY GATE-KEEPERS, AND THUS THEY'LL COME VISIT US!
HOW CAN THEY DESIRE SUCH MADNESS?
THEY'RE PROBABLY IGNORANT OF THE CONSEQUENCES OF WHAT THEY'RE DOING. AND IT'S NOT NECESSARILY THEIR OWN WILL!
SO THE QUESTION IS... WHO'S MANIPULATING THEM?

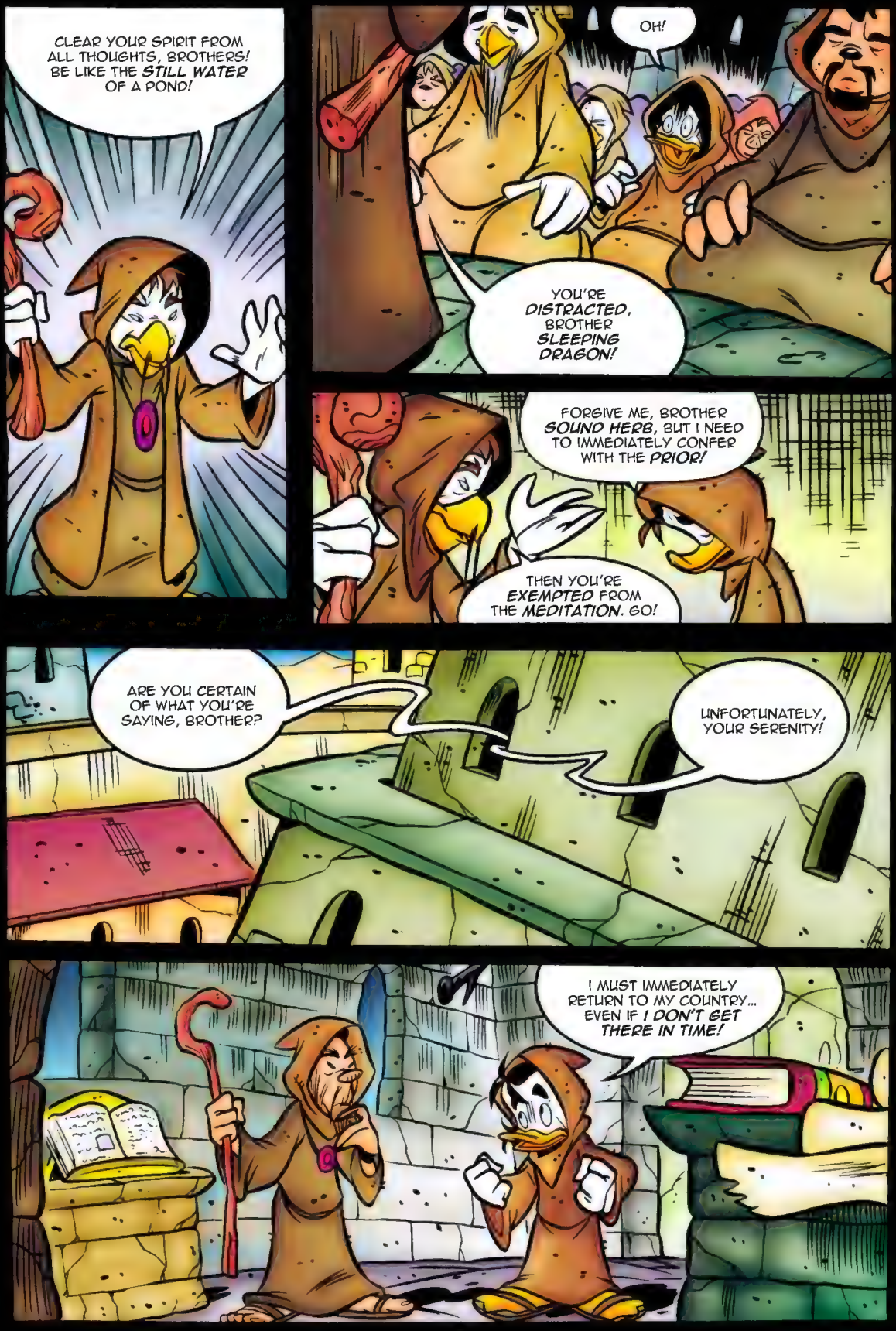
THE MAGICIAN WAS THE FIRST TO TALK ABOUT REMOVING THE GARGOYLES, IN THE INTERVIEW THIS MORNING WITH ANGUS!
SIGNIFICANT! TOO BAD I DIDN'T RECORD IT!
FOR EXAMPLE, THE MONSTROSITIES ON TOP OF THE SKYSCRAPER WE FIND OURSELVES IN... DUCKLAIR TOWER!
SO I'LL GET IT DIRECTLY FROM THE ARCHIVE OF CHANNEL 00!
NOW THAT BOTH HAVE BEEN PARTIALLY DESTROYED BY A VANDAL, THEIR INFAUST POTENTIAL HAS INCREASED!
THERE WE GO! HE'S OUR OCCULT MANIPULATOR!
JUST BECAUSE HE THOUGHT BOTH STATUES HAD BEEN RUINED?
NO. THE INTERVIEW WASN'T BROADCASTED LIVE, LOOK AT THE DATA!
AT THAT TIME YOU HAD JUST CAUGHT MOE!
THEN AHRIMADZ COULDN'T HAVE ALREADY KNOWN WHAT HAD HAPPENED!


UNLESS IT WAS HE WHO SENT POOR MOE TO DESTROY THE GARGOYLES!
SO, MAYOR? ARE YOU GONNA DO SOMETHING?
HAVE NO DOUBT, FELLOW CITIZENS. I HAVE ALERTED ALL AVAILABLE FORCES!
IT'S ESSENTIAL THAT WE'RE FREED FROM THAT NEFARIOUS SCULPTURE!
BUT IF YOU DON'T SUCCEED... MAYBE I CAN HELP YOU!
WE'RE PRACTICALLY BESIEGED, ONE!
LUCKILY WE'RE NOT MISSING FOOD!
GRAB SOME. IT'S LONG PAST LUNCH HOUR!


YOU THINK BETTER ON A FULL STOMACH!
THEN EAT SOMETHING YOU TOO!
THEN YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH A WAY TO FIX THE SITUATION!
BY THE WAY, WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME ABOUT THE DIMENSIONAL THRESHOLD AND ALL THE REST RIGHT AWAY?
BECAUSE I KNEW NOTHING!
MASTER DUCKLAIR WAS ALWAYS VERY SECRETIVE. I DIDN'T GET UPDATED ON THE DETAILS OF HIS SECRET PROJECTS!
"THE REMOVAL OF THE FIRST GARGOYLE ACTIVATED A SENSOR..."
... WHICH OPENED UP THE FILE CONTAINING ALL THE DETAILS!
BUT NOT THE COUNTER-MEASURES TO UNDO THE DAMAGE!

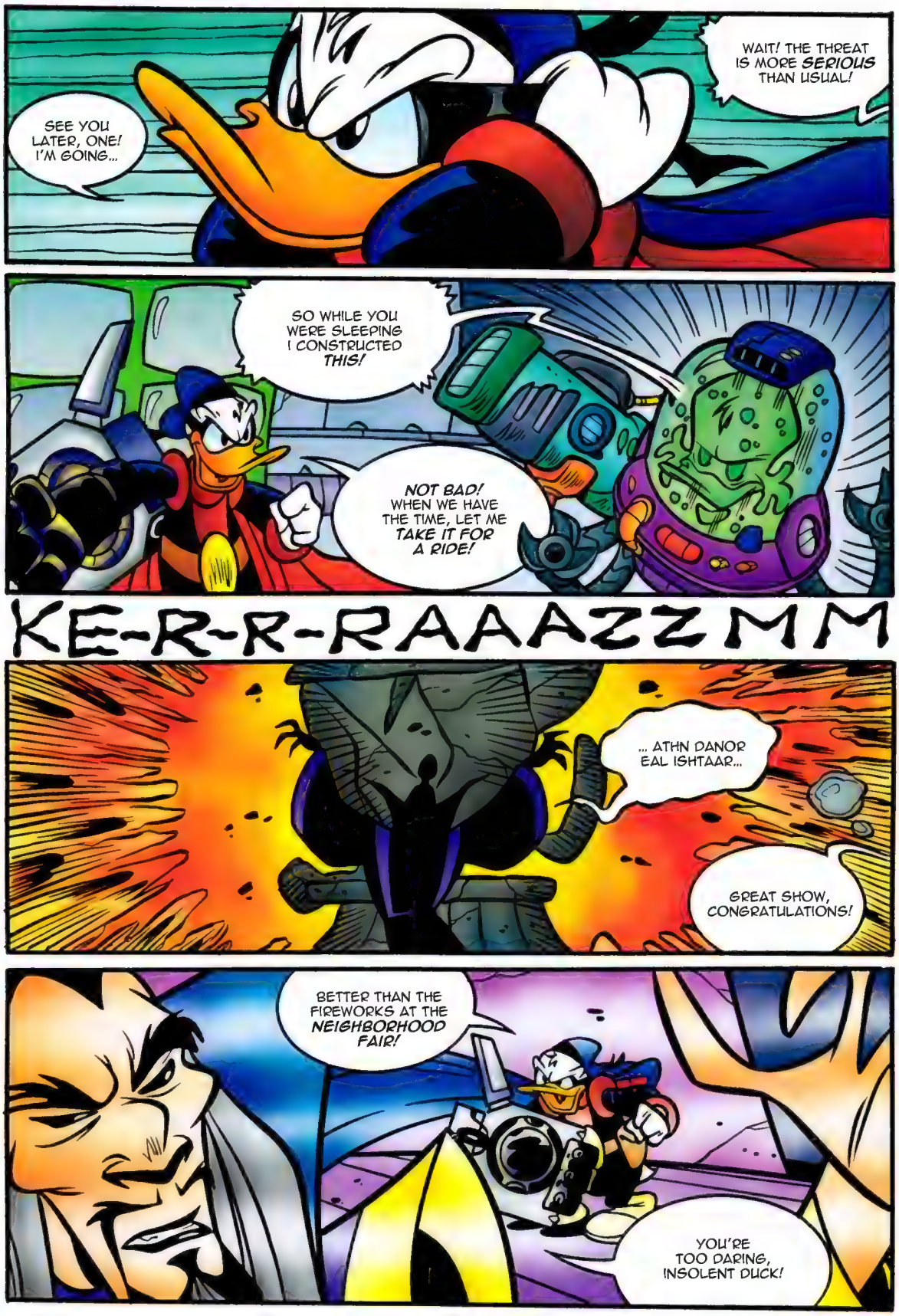

ACTUALLY, YES. IT'S ENOUGH TO PUT THE STATUES BACK INTO PLACE!
POLI
BUT I DON'T THINK OUR FRIENDS OUT THERE WILL LET US DO IT!
THE ROBOTS ARE PREVENTING THE ALPHA TEAM FROM REACHING THE SKYSCRAPER!
RETURN TO BASE. WE'LL FIND ANOTHER WAY!
ALER
FURTHERMORE, MY SOUNDINGS INDICATE THE PRESENCE OF UNKNOWN ENERGIES ON THE OUTSIDE!
I FEAR THAT THE ENTITIES ARE STARTING TO PASS THROUGH!
WE'RE DONE!


MAYBE MASTER DUCKLAIR WOULD KNOW WHAT TO DO... BUT WE DON'T KNOW *WHERE HE IS!*
SPEAK FOR YOURSELF! *I KNOW!*
QUESTION: *WHY HAVE YOU NEVER TOLD ME?*
HE ASKED ME TO KEEP IT *SECRET!*
HOWEVER, KNOWING THAT WON'T HELP US HE'S IN AN *ISOLATED* PLACE, WITHOUT TELEPHONE OR MEANS OF COMMUNICATION!
YOU COULD *GO GET HIM!*
IT'S *TOO FAR AWAY! EVERYTHING* WILL BE *OVER* BEFORE WE RETURN!
THOUGH THERE *MUST BE* A WAY TO GET IN CONTRACT WITH HIM!
LET ME *THINK*...


CLEAR YOUR SPIRIT FROM ALL THOUGHTS, BROTHERS! BE LIKE THE STILL WATER OF A POND!
OH!
YOU'RE DISTRACTED, BROTHER SLEEPING DRAGON!
FORGIVE ME, BROTHER SOUND HERB, BUT I NEED TO IMMEDIATELY CONFER WITH THE PRIOR!
THEN YOU'RE EXEMPTED FROM THE MEDITATION. GO!
ARE YOU CERTAIN OF WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, BROTHER?
UNFORTUNATELY, YOUR SERENITY!
I MUST IMMEDIATELY RETURN TO MY COUNTRY... EVEN IF I DON'T GET THERE IN TIME!

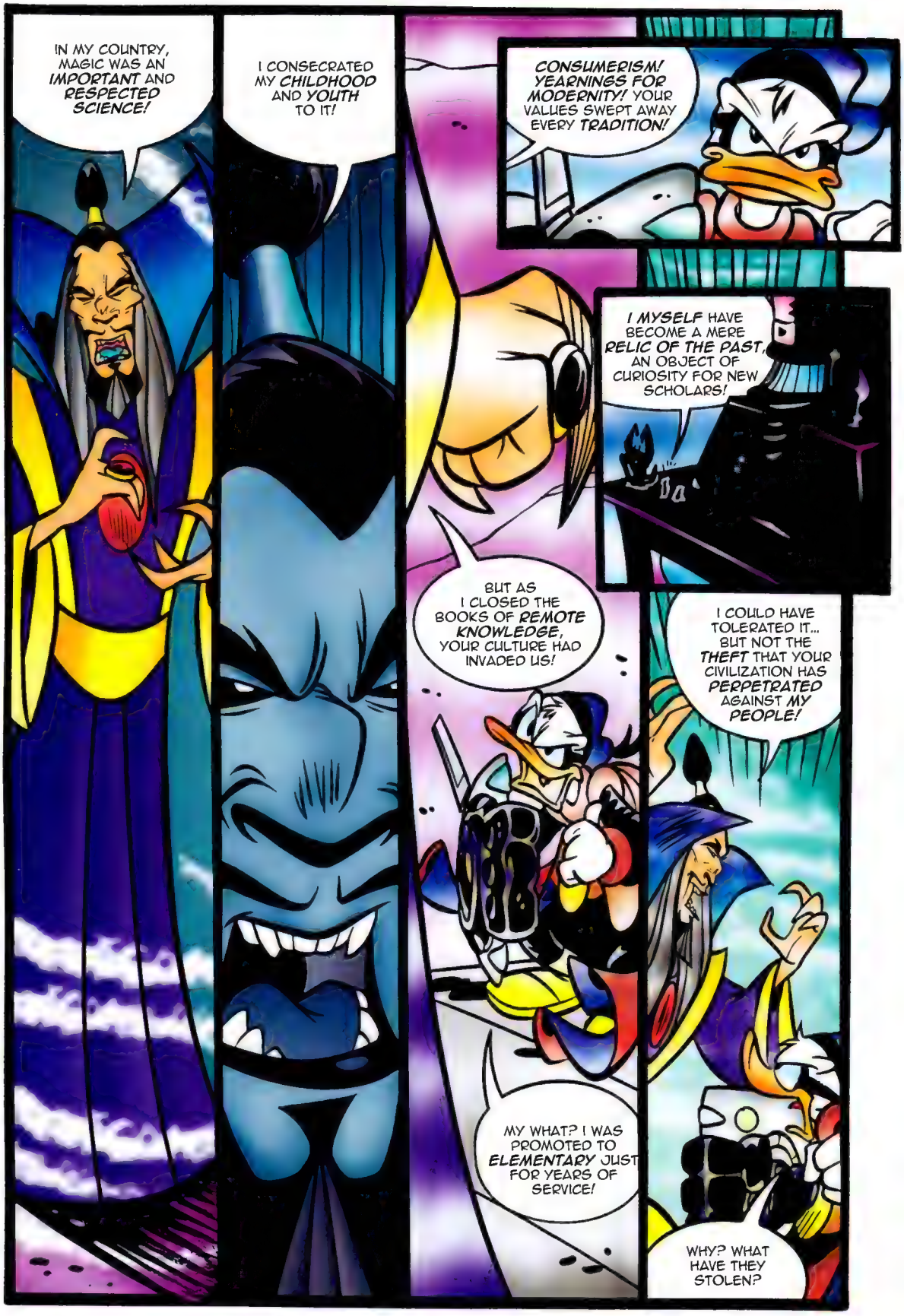
YOU DISAPPOINT ME, SLEEPING DRAGON. BY NOW YOU SHOULD HAVE LEARNED THAT TIME IS NOTHING.
TELL ME, IMPATIENT BROTHER, WHAT'S YOUR ILLUMINATION GRADE?
FOURTH, MASTER! WHY?
FIFTH WOULD HAVE BEEN PREFERABLE... BUT YOU COULD ALSO DO IT WITH A LITTLE HELP.
HUH? DO WHAT?
SPOTLIGHTS OR NOT, YOU CAN'T SEE ANYTHING BETWEEN THE FOG AND THE DARKNESS!
WE'LL RESUME TOMORROW. THE NIGHT LIMITS OUR OPERATIONAL POSSIBILITIES!
YET THE DARKNESS IS PROPITIOUS TO THE DARK WORK THAT IS NECESSARY TO DO!

WITH YOUR PERMISSION, IT'S NOW UP TO ME!
BUT FEAR NOT. I WON'T BE GOING ALONE!
WAKE UP, PARTNER. YOU'VE THOUGHT ENOUGH!
... MMMH?
YAWN! I DREAMED THAT EVERETT HAD RECEIVED OUR CALL!
WE DO IN FACT HAVE A VISITOR. BUT DON'T THINK IT'S HIM!
MASTER DUCKLAIR WOULDN'T DESTROY OUR ROBOT GUARDIANS ONE BY ONE!
PHOUMP
IN SHORT, WE'RE UNDER ATTACK!

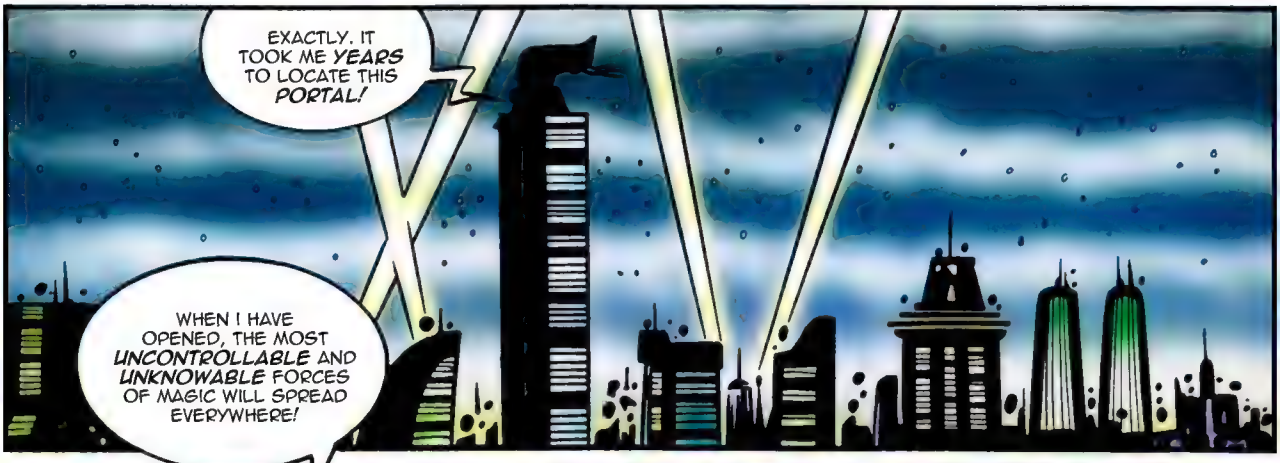

SEE YOU LATER, ONE! I'M GOING...
WAIT! THE THREAT IS MORE SERIOUS THAN USUAL!
SO WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING I CONSTRUCTED THIS!
NOT BAD! WHEN WE HAVE THE TIME, LET ME TAKE IT FOR A RIDE!
KE-R-R-RAAAZZMM
... ATHN DANOR EAL ISHTAAR...
GREAT SHOW, CONGRATULATIONS!
BETTER THAN THE FIREWORKS AT THE NEIGHBORHOOD FAIR!
YOU'RE TOO DARING, INSOLENT DUCK!

AND YOU'RE LEAVING THE URBAN FURNITURE ALONE! WHAT'S YOUR BEEF WITH THAT GARGOYLE?
HA HA HA! IF YOU KNEW MY INTENTION, YOU'D TREMBLEIN HORROR UNTIL THE LAST FEATHER!
THAT SO? HOW STRANGE, MY FEATHERS ARE IN PERFECT ORDER... EVEN THOUGH I KNOW VERY WELL WHAT YOU HAVE IN MIND!
I'M TALKING ABOUT YOUR IMPORTANT PROJECT OF EXTRADIMENSIONAL MONSTERS!
REMARKABLE! YOU'RE REALLY MORE AWARE THAN YOU LOOK!
IS THAT A COMPLIMENT OR AN INSULT? WHAT I'D LIKE TO UNDERSTAND IS YOUR MOTIVE FOR DOING THIS!
AN HONORABLE INTEREST. BUT IT WOULD TAKE TOO LONG TO EXPLAIN IT TO YOU!
GO AHEAD. I HAVE NO OTHER COMMITMENTS!

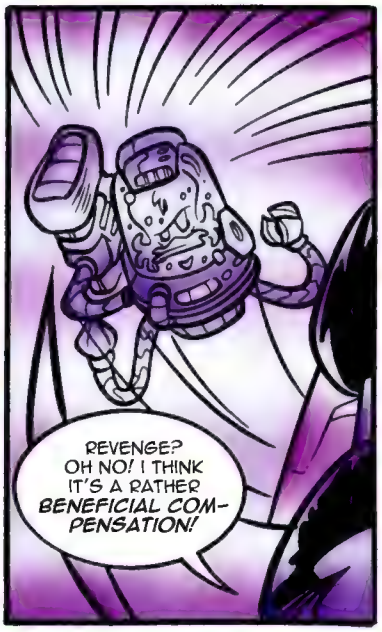
INTERLUDE 4
KHOUDNASTAN, TEN YEARS AGO...
HEY, AHRIMADZ!
WELCOME, SATYH. WHAT DO YOU DESIRE?
THERE ARE SOME GUYS WHO ARE LOOKING FOR YOU.
HMM... IT'S A RARE AND UNUSUAL CONTINGENCY!
NO ONE HAS ASKED FOR MY COUNSEL FOR YEARS!
DON'T DREAM OF IT. THEY HAVE NO NEED FOR THAT!
THEY'RE NOT NOSTALGIC ELDERLIES OR IGNORAMUSES!
AHRIMADZ? I AM PROFESSOR ABU K'MATH! OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KHOUDNA CITY!
MY COLLEAGUE IS DOCTOR DANUYA! WE'RE ANTHROP-OLOGISTS!
DO YOU KNOW WHAT THAT MEANS? WE DO RESEARCH ON OUR PEOPLE'S FORGOTTEN TRADITIONS!
HURRY! THERE ARE PEOPLE FROM TELEVISION!

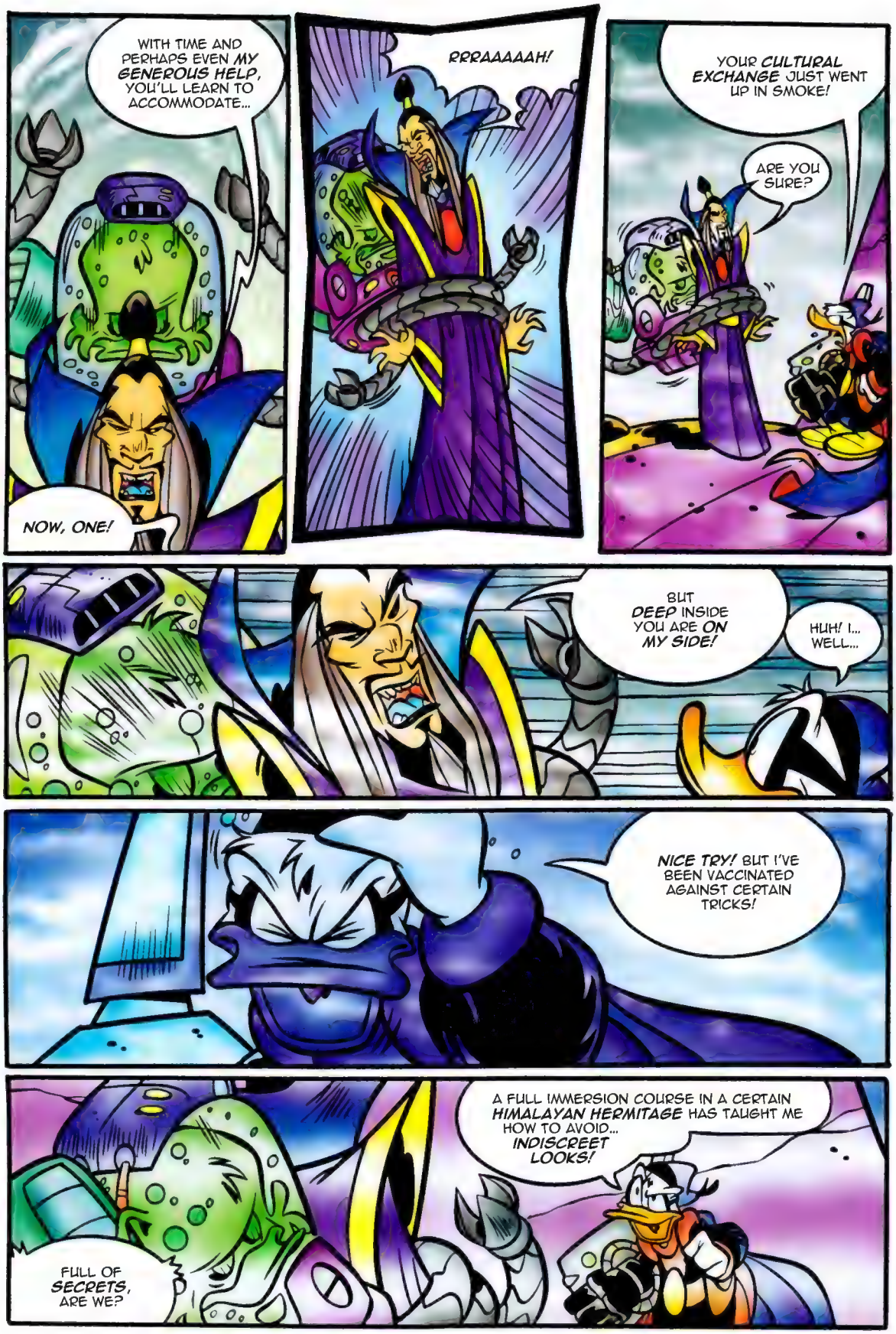

IN MY COUNTRY, MAGIC WAS AN IMPORTANT AND RESPECTED SCIENCE!
I CONSECRATED MY CHILDHOOD AND YOUTH TO IT!
CONSUMERISM! YEARNINGS FOR MODERNITY! YOUR VALUES SWEPT AWAY EVERY TRADITION!
I MYSELF HAVE BECOME A MERE RELIC OF THE PAST, AN OBJECT OF CURIOSITY FOR NEW SCHOLARS!
BUT AS I CLOSED THE BOOKS OF REMOTE KNOWLEDGE, YOUR CULTURE HAD INVADED US!
I COULD HAVE TOLERATED IT... BUT NOT THE THEFT THAT YOUR CIVILIZATION HAS PERPETRATED AGAINST MY PEOPLE!
MY WHAT? I WAS PROMOTED TO ELEMENTARY JUST FOR YEARS OF SERVICE!
WHY? WHAT HAVE THEY STOLEN?

THE SECURITY! THE ANCESTRAL HERITAGE, THE CONSOLIDATED WISDOM THAT I OFFERED THEM!
IN EXCHANGE FOR ALL OF THAT, WE HAVE ONLY BEEN GIVEN SKEPTICISM!
SO YOU'VE DECIDED TO REPAY THE FAVOR?


EXACTLY. IT TOOK ME YEARS TO LOCATE THIS PORTAL!
WHEN I HAVE OPENED, THE MOST UNCONTROLLABLE AND UNKNOWABLE FORCES OF MAGIC WILL SPREAD EVERYWHERE!

IS IT NOT A FAIR BARGAIN? NOW I SHALL BRING YOU TO MY CULTURE!
IN SHORT, BIG WORDS ASIDE, YOU WANT REVENGE!


REVENGE? OH NO! I THINK IT'S A RATHER BENEFICIAL COMPENSATION!


WITH TIME AND PERHAPS EVEN MY GENEROUS HELP, YOU'LL LEARN TO ACCOMMODATE...
NOW, ONE!
RRRAAAAAH!
YOUR CULTURAL EXCHANGE JUST WENT UP IN SMOKE!
ARE YOU SURE?
BUT DEEP INSIDE YOU ARE ON MY SIDE!
HUH! I... WELL...
NICE TRY! BUT I'VE BEEN VACCINATED AGAINST CERTAIN TRICKS!
A FULL IMMERSION COURSE IN A CERTAIN HIMALAYAN HERMITAGE HAS TAUGHT ME HOW TO AVOID... INDISCREET LOOKS!
FULL OF SECRETS, ARE WE?

UNFORTUNATELY I'VE FORGOTTEN THE REST OF WHAT I'VE LEARNED!
OTHERWISE I COULD HAVE TAKEN CARE OF YOU EARLIER!
HA HA! SO YOU THINK YOU HAVE ME DEFEATED?
TOO BAD FOR YOU THAT I'M NOT A SIMPLE SIDE-SHOW HYPNOTIST, BUT...
HOW DID HE DO IT? IT'S NO LOGICAL!
... A TRUE MAGICIAN!
SMILE! IN HALF A SECOND YOU'LL BE A KNOCKED OUT MAGICIAN!
WWWRAAAAK
MATTER! SO VIOLENT... AND SO FRAGILE!
CHZZZZZT

IT'S YOUR TURN. YOU ARE IMMUNE TO SUGGESTIONS...
AND YOU ARE TO GAMMA RAYS?
... BUT A BIT OF FOG IS ENOUGH TO STOP YOU!
QUACK!
LET'S TALK ABOUT THIS, MAGICIAN!
YOU TOOK ME BY SURPRISE, BUT YOU WON'T DO IT A SECOND TIME!
YOU'RE INTERESTING. WHO OR... WHAT ARE YOU?
YOU TELL HIM, ONE!
CERTAINLY NOT A NATURAL CREATURE! WHAT INCANTATION EVOKED YOU?
YOU WANT TO OFFEND ME? MY TECHNOLOGY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH YOUR DELUSIONS!

THIS PANDIMENSIONAL REFRACTOR WILL CLARIFY THE CONCEPT!
YOU'RE FREE TO TRY...
ONE! WATCH OUT!
... AS I'M NOT GONNA WAIT FOR THE RESULTS OF YOUR CLUMSY ATTEMPT!
OH NO!
THE GARGOYLE! YOU DESTROYED IT!
NO, ONLY SEMI-REFRACTED IT TO A DIFFERENT ENERGETIC STATE!
BUT I FEAR THAT THE RESULT WON'T CHANGE!

WHY SHOULD I STRAIN MYSELF? THERE'S SOMEONE IN THERE...
... WHO'S ANXIOUS TO COME OUT HERE!
ONE!
KRRAAAZZK
BUT IT DOESN'T CHANGE EVEN FOR YOU, AHRIMADZ! I'M STILL HERE, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
NOTHING!
PHZZZ
ONE... IT'S NOT POSSIBLE!
YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS! !...
THE PORTAL IS ALMOST COMPLETELY OPEN NOW!

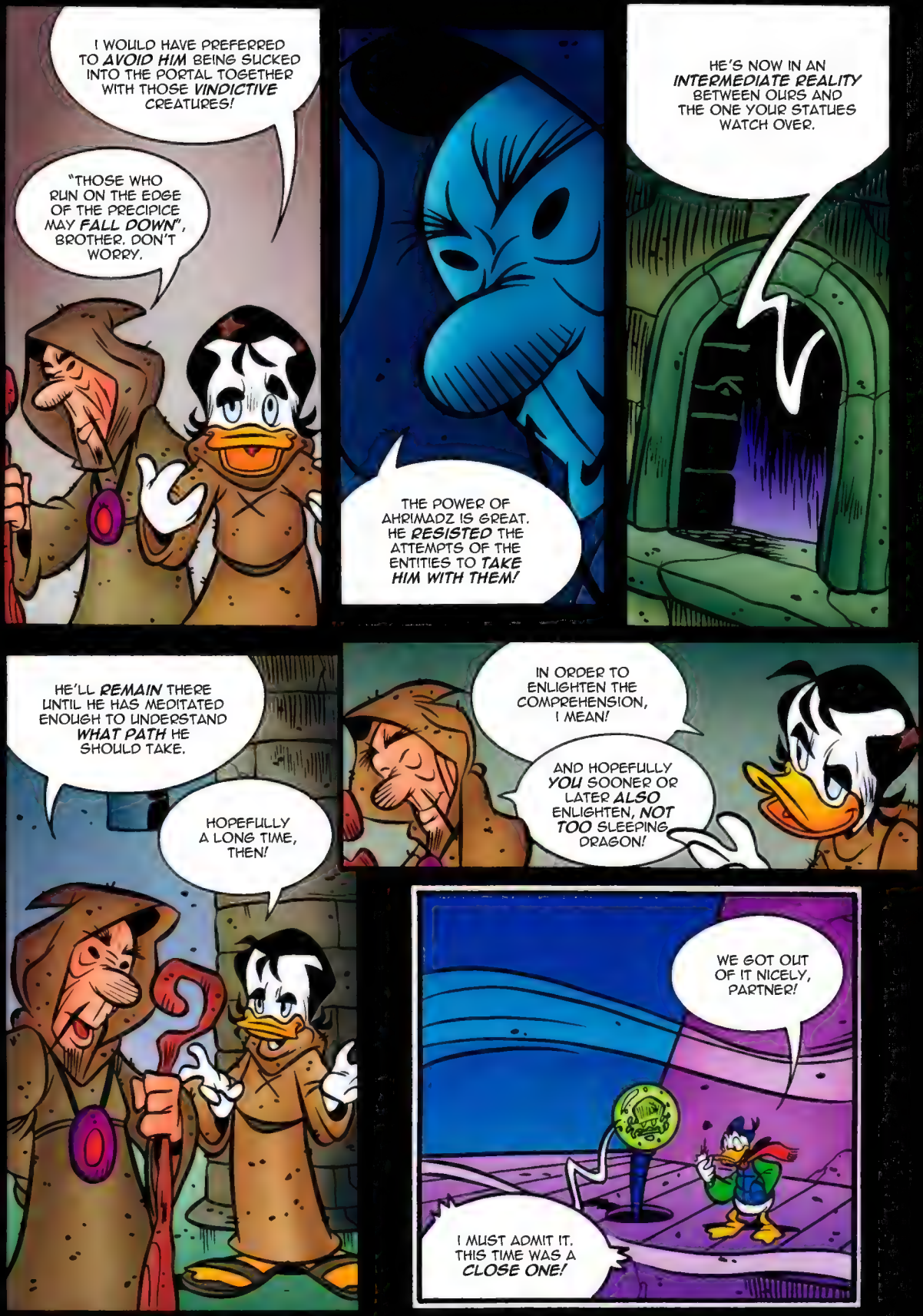
I JUST NEED TO COMPLETE THE DESTRUCTION OF THE...
I WON'T LET YOU!
HARMONY WILL BE RESTORED. THAT WHICH WAS CLOSED WILL RETURN TO BEING SO!
WHAT?
EVERETT? THEN IT WASN'T JUST A DREAM!
BUT LOOK, AN ADEPT! THIS CITY HAS SURPRISING PROTECTORS!
RESERVE YOUR ASTONISHMENT, WIZARD...
... FOR THIS!
FAZZRAAM!!
ACCEPTABLE. BUT YOU'LL HAVE TO DO BETTER!

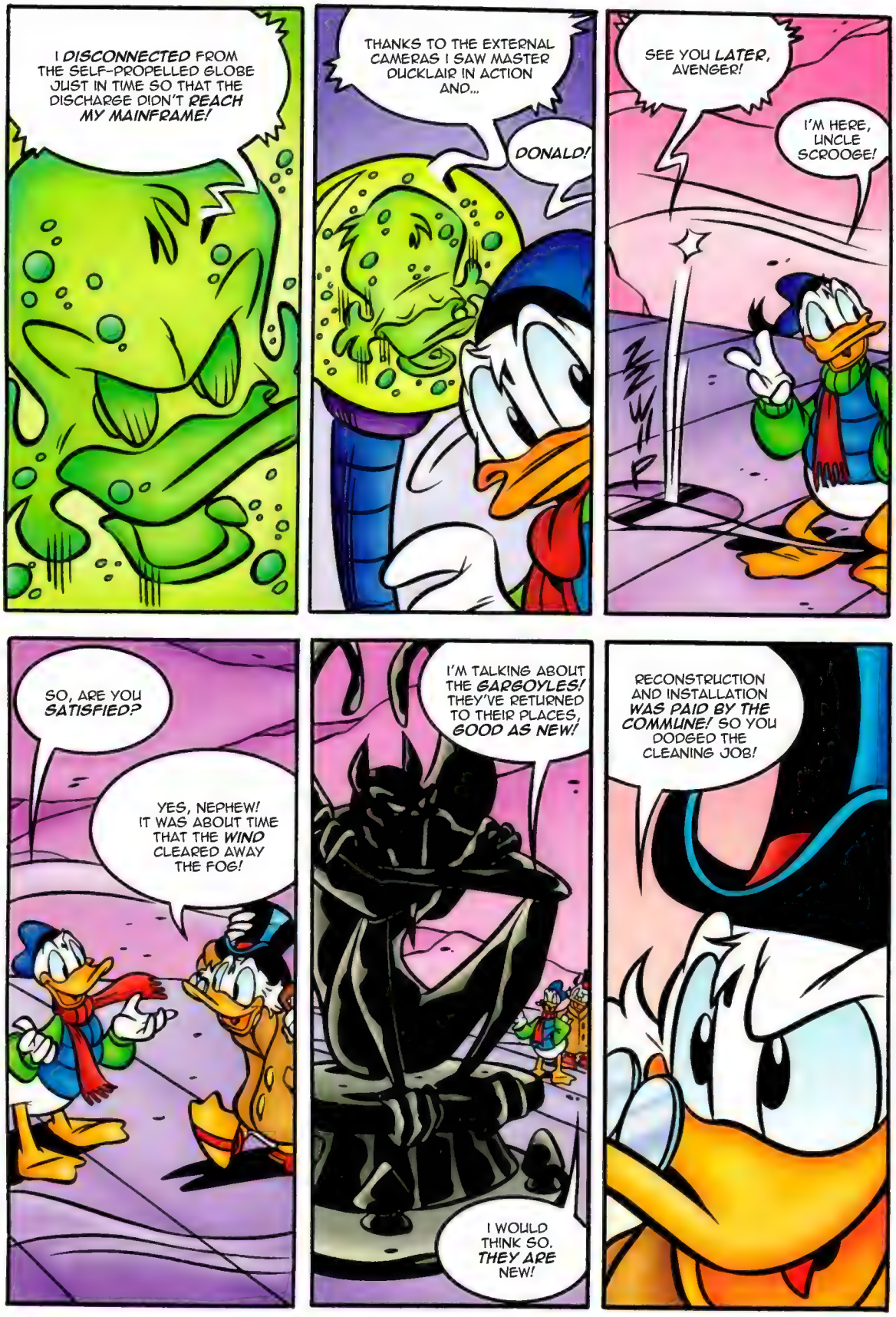
THUUUW
LIKE THIS, FOR EXAMPLE!
YOU UNDERESTIMATE ME. YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO FRIGHTEN A NOVICE!
I HAVE ALREADY PASSED SEVERAL EXAMS!
SSHHOOOMM
SEEMS LIKE IT TOOK ONLY A THIRD LEVEL ARCANE ATTACK.
DON'T COUNT ON IT, DUCKLAIR! THAT PHENOMENON HAS A BAD HABIT OF DISAPPEARING AND...
OH?

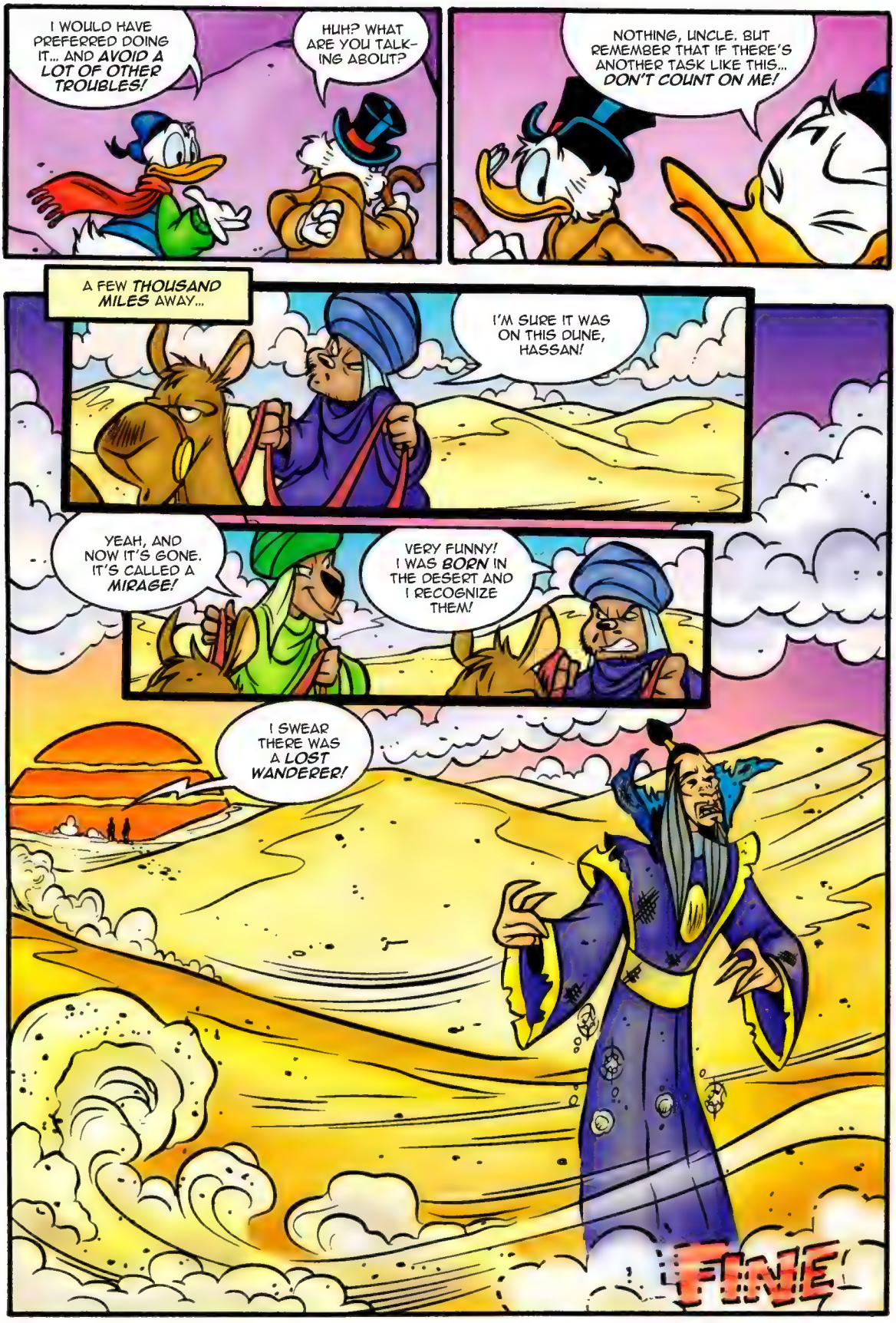
... AND THEN REAPPEARING! LIKE THIS!
KRRAAPPL
AAAUGH!
THE LIGHTING OF MJ'H'T IS IDEAL TO REDUCE THE PRESUMPTUOUS! DON'T YOU THINK?
IT WAS RECKLESS OF YOU TO CHALLENGE ME ALONE! NOW YOU'LL...
BUT OUR BROTHER IS NOT ALONE, SORCERER!
HE'S ALWAYS PART OF EVERYTHING!
THAT WHICH WAS CLOSED WILL RETURN TO BEING SO!
A GREAT ILLUMIN-ATION!

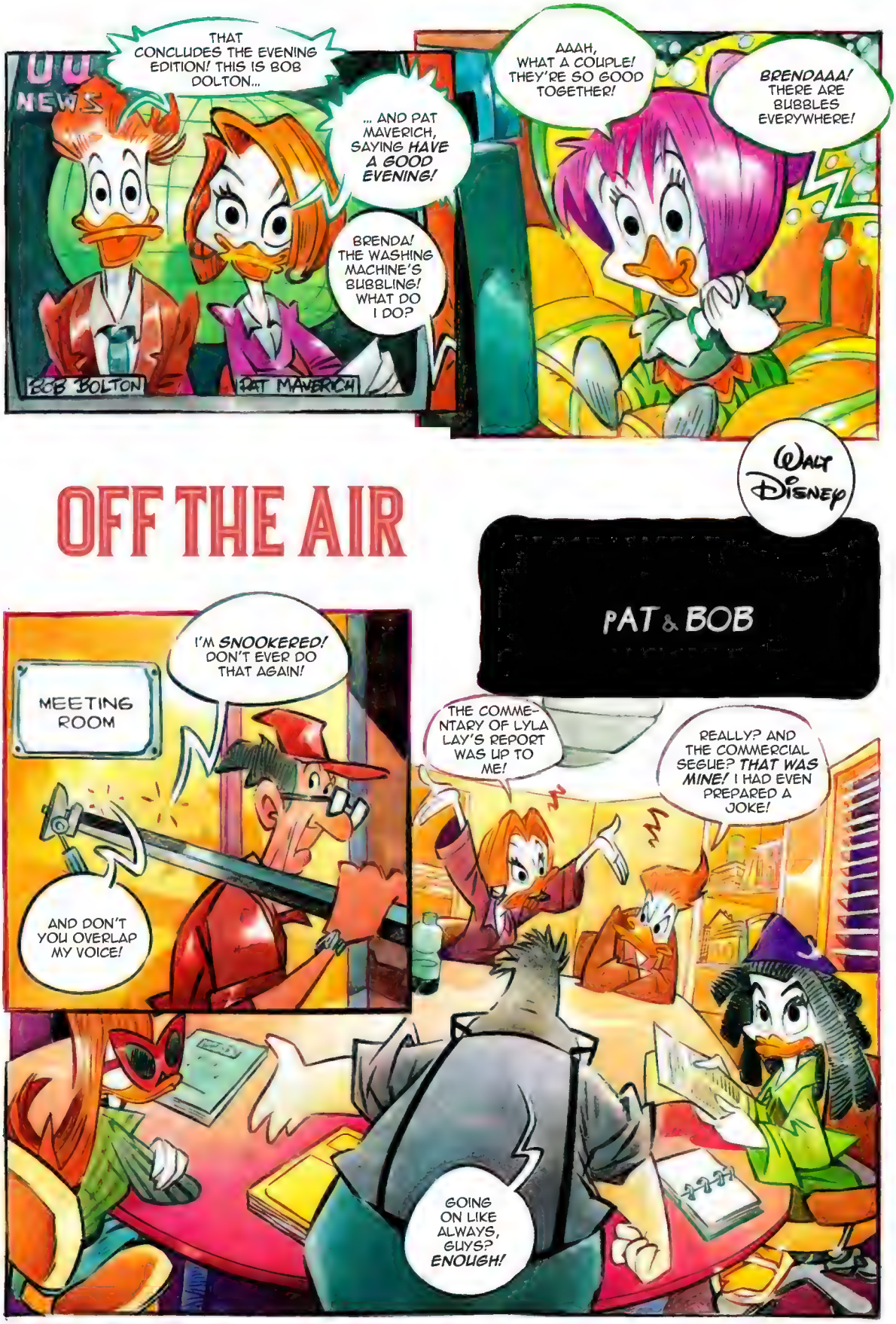
RETURN TO BEING SO!
NO!
RETURN TO BEING SO!
I WON'T ALLOW IT! APERIT VACUI, DRLE' DYEH...
... KNTONHA?
... AAAAAAA...
WELL, WHAT I WANT TO KNOW NOW...

... IS WHERE DID EVERY-ONE GO?
WHAT HAPPENED, MAYOR?
I DON'T KNOW...
... AND I DON'T WANT TO KNOW, SO DON'T TALK TO ME ABOUT IT! I'M GOING HOME TO SLEEP!
THAT WHICH WAS CLOSED IS SO ONCE AGAIN, SLEEPING DRAGON.
SEE? TIME AND YOUR ANXIETIES WERE JUST ILLUSIONS.
THANKS FOR YOUR HELP... BUT AS ALWAYS YOU WERE RIGHT, YOUR SERENITY!
BUT THE FATE OF OUR ADVERSARY TROUBLES ME!


I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO *AVOID HIM* BEING SUCKED INTO THE PORTAL TOGETHER WITH THOSE *VINDICTIVE* CREATURES!
"THOSE WHO RUN ON THE EDGE OF THE PRECIPICE MAY *FALL DOWN*", BROTHER. DON'T WORRY.
THE POWER OF AHRIMADZ IS GREAT. HE *RESISTED* THE ATTEMPTS OF THE ENTITIES TO *TAKE HIM WITH THEM!*
HE'S NOW IN AN *INTERMEDIATE REALITY* BETWEEN OURS AND THE ONE YOUR STATUES WATCH OVER.
HE'LL *REMAIN* THERE UNTIL HE HAS MEDITATED ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND *WHAT PATH* HE SHOULD TAKE.
HOPEFULLY A LONG TIME, THEN!
IN ORDER TO ENLIGHTEN THE COMPREHENSION, I MEAN!
AND HOPEFULLY *YOU* SOONER OR LATER *ALSO* ENLIGHTEN, *NOT TOO* SLEEPING DRAGON!
WE GOT OUT OF IT NICELY, PARTNER!
I MUST ADMIT IT. THIS TIME WAS A *CLOSE ONE!*


I DISCONNECTED FROM THE SELF-PROPELLED GLOBE JUST IN TIME SO THAT THE DISCHARGE DIDN'T REACH MY MAINFRAME!
THANKS TO THE EXTERNAL CAMERAS I SAW MASTER DUCKLAIR IN ACTION AND...
DONALD!
SEE YOU LATER, AVENGER!
I'M HERE, UNCLE SCROOGE!
WHIP
SO, ARE YOU SATISFIED?
YES, NEPHEW! IT WAS ABOUT TIME THAT THE WIND CLEARED AWAY THE FOG!
I'M TALKING ABOUT THE GARGOYLES! THEY'VE RETURNED TO THEIR PLACES, GOOD AS NEW!
I WOULD THINK SO. THEY ARE NEW!
RECONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION WAS PAID BY THE COMMUNE! SO YOU DODGED THE CLEANING JOB!


I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED DOING IT... AND AVOID A LOT OF OTHER TROUBLES!
HUH? WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
NOTHING, UNCLE. BUT REMEMBER THAT IF THERE'S ANOTHER TASK LIKE THIS... DON'T COUNT ON ME!
A FEW THOUSAND MILES AWAY...
I'M SURE IT WAS ON THIS DUNE, HASSAN!
YEAH, AND NOW IT'S GONE. IT'S CALLED A MIRAGE!
VERY FUNNY! I WAS BORN IN THE DESERT AND I RECOGNIZE THEM!
I SWEAR THERE WAS A LOST WANDERER!
FINE!


NEWS
THAT CONCLUDES THE EVENING EDITION! THIS IS BOB DOLTON...
... AND PAT MAVERICH, SAYING HAVE A GOOD EVENING!
BRENDA! THE WASHING MACHINE'S BUBBLING! WHAT DO I DO?
BOB BOLTON
PAT MAVERICH
AAAH, WHAT A COUPLE! THEY'RE SO GOOD TOGETHER!
BRENDAAA! THERE ARE BUBBLES EVERYWHERE!
OFF THE AIR
Walt Disney
PAT & BOB
MEETING ROOM
I'M SNOOKERED! DON'T EVER DO THAT AGAIN!
AND DON'T YOU OVERLAP MY VOICE!
THE COMMENTARY OF LYLA LAY'S REPORT WAS UP TO ME!
REALLY? AND THE COMMERCIAL SEGUE? THAT WAS MINE! I HAD EVEN PREPARED A JOKE!
GOING ON LIKE ALWAYS, GUYS? ENOUGH!

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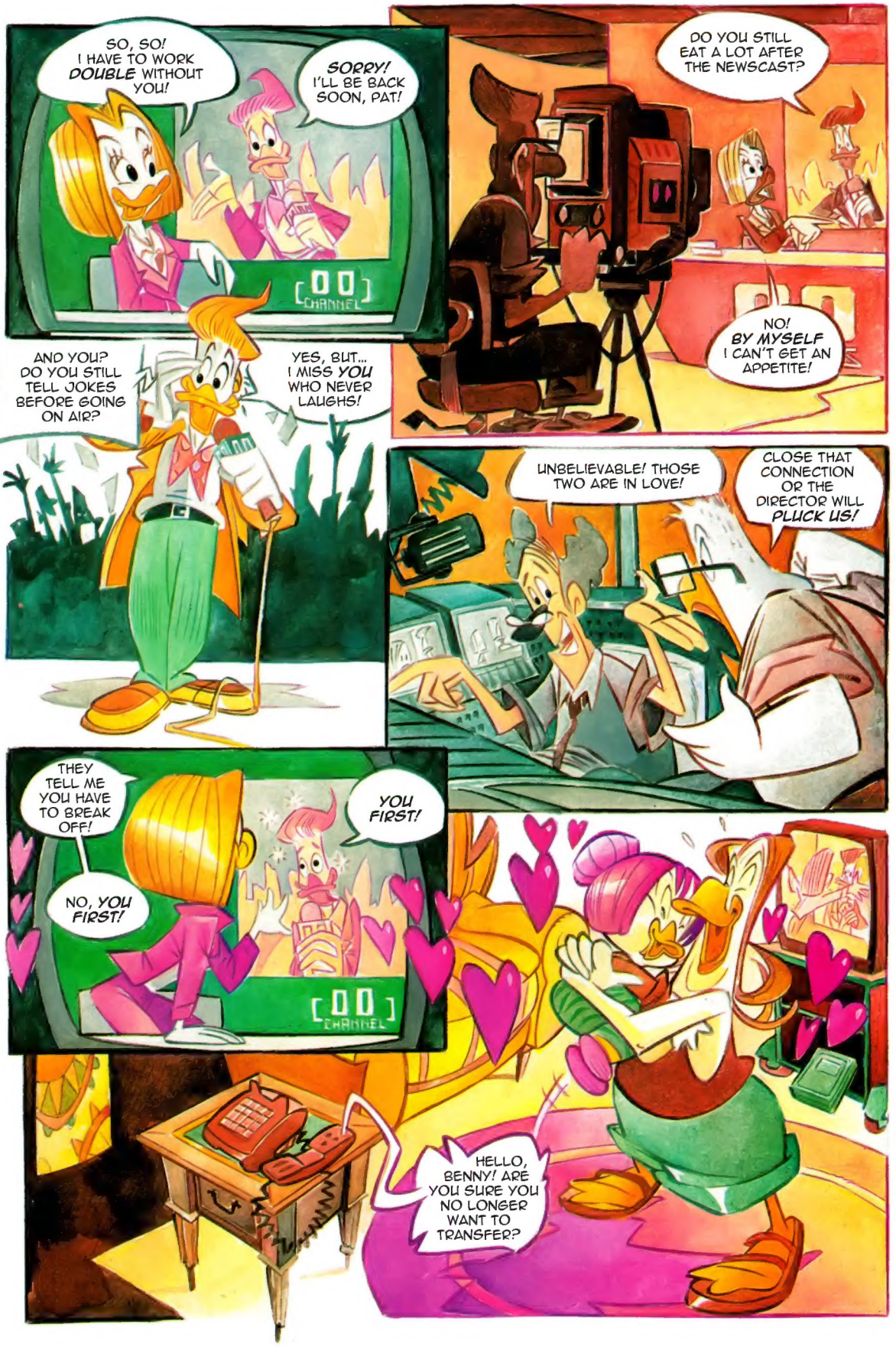
MISS BRINGETHORN, OF PRODUCTION, HAS SOMETHING TO ANNOUNCE!
FROM TOMORROW YOU'LL NO LONGER HAVE REASON TO QUARREL!
IN A FEW DAYS STARTS A NEW PROGRAM, "PARTYING IN DUCKBURG"! IT WILL COVER FASHION, LIFE-STYLE AND ENTERTAINMENT OF DUCKBURG-IANS!
THE HOST WILL BE YOU, BOB! YOU'LL HAVE TO GO AROUND THE CITY, INTERVIEWING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE!
AND WHY EXACTLY ME?
YOU HAVE THE AIR OF ONE WHO LOVES FUN AND YOU GET A GOOD GRIP ON YOUNG AUDIENCES!
YOU CAN PLAY AROUND WITH YOUR JOKES! PERHAPS SOMEONE WILL LAUGH!
GOOD EVE-NING FROM PAT MAV-ERICH!
HEY, BENNY! WHAT HAPPENED TO BOB DOLTON?
I DON'T KNOW! WHERE'S THE SALT?
THE GUIDE SAYS HE'S HOSTING A NEW PROGRAM!
OKAY, BRENDA! NOW I'D LIKE TO WATCH THE NEWS!

... AND NOW OVER TO *SPORT NEWS!*
IN MY OPINION, THAT GIRL'S *SAD!* WHAT DO YOU THINK, BENNY?
IF I COULD HEAR A WORD, I COULD ANSWER!
BRIIIT
WHAT'S WITH PAT? SHE DOESN'T SEEM IN SHAPE!
BAH! SHE ALWAYS WANTED TO HAVE THE *NEWS* FOR HERSELF!
GROVER! HI, *BOB!* THE NEWSCAST? ALL SMOOTH, WHY?
NOTHING! JUST WANTED TO KNOW! *WHAT?* YES, CHEERFUL AND FRIENDLY! DON'T WORRY!
LET'S HURRY UP WITH THESE SHOTS! I WANT TO GO BACK TO THE EDITORIAL!
SYLVIA IS SICK! TOMORROW YOU'LL ALSO DO THE *WEATHER FORECAST!*
IF I HAVE TO...
HAVE YOU CALLED BOLTON? WE'RE GOING ON AIR IN *THREE* HOURS!
HE'S IN PLACE! AND SO ARE THE CAMERA-MEN!

AND NOW THE FORECAST FOR TOMORROW! OVERCAST SKY ALL DAY LONG!
NEWS
PAT MAVERICH
WHAT'S SHE SAYING?
HEY, PAT! THE MAP BEHIND YOU SAYS CLEAR SKY AND SUN!
CLEAR SKY! GOT IT?
YET THE SKY IS CLEAR, DEAR VIEWERS!
THE SUN IS UP THERE, OVER THE SKYSCRAPERS! THE SKY ABOVE US IS CLOUDED BY THE TEDIUM OF WORKING, BY NOSTALGIA OF FRIENDS FAR AWAY, BY THE SO MONOTONOUS EVERYDAY LIFE!
GOOD EVENING FROM PAT MAVERICH OF CHANNEL OO!
SNIFF! I WASN'T WRONG, BENNY... SHE'S FEELING DOWN!
YOU'RE RIGHT! WHO KNOWS WHAT'S GOTTEN TO HER?

YOU THINK SHE'LL LEAVE CHANNEL 00?
I DON'T KNOW, BRENDA! BUT YOU SHOULD IRON MY SHIRTS! IN TWO DAYS I'LL BE LEAVING!
SOB! AND TO THINK THAT I NEVER WATCH THE NEWS!
YEAH! AND TO THINK THAT I CONVINCED YOU TO DO IT...
I WANT TO SEE BOB BOLTON'S PROGRAM! THAT WILL CHEER ME UP!
GOT IT! HOW DO I TURN ON THE IRON?
OUTERSPACE
WE'RE AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE TRENDIEST LOCAL IN THE CITY!
EVERYONE'S ONLY THINKING OF HAVING FUN, PERHAPS TO FEEL LESS SADNESS OF A BROKEN LOVE, MASKED BEHIND STYLISH GLASSES AND JACKETS!
TOMORROW THEY'LL GO BACK TO WORK AND PERHAPS SUFFER A TRANSFER TO AN UNKNOWN LOCATION, WITH PEOPLE THEY DON'T LOVE AND WITH DIFFERENT CUSTOMS!

HEARD THAT, DEAR?
I HEARD! I *NEED* TO TURN OFF THIS IRON!
I'LL TRANSFER YOU FOR SURE, BUT TO ALASKA! HOW DID THAT *EXIT* POP INTO YOUR HEAD?
YOU'RE TO TALK ABOUT FASHION AND ENTERTAINMENT! WE ALREADY HAVE A PROGRAM FOR *WHINING!*
THOUGH NOW YOU NEED TO REVIVE *YOUR VIEWERS!*
WHAT CAN I DO?
WHAT YOU SHOULD DO! *CHEERFUL* AND *FRIENDLY*, REMEMBER?
WE'LL START WITH AD-VERTIS-EMENT!
YOU'LL BE CONNECTED LIVE WITH PAT MAVERICH DURING THE *EIGHT O'CLOCK NEWS!*
WE ARE CONNECTED WITH "PARTYING IN DUCKBURG"! WHERE ARE YOU, BOB?
AT A *FASHION SHOW*, HERE IN THE CITY! HOW ARE YOU, PAT?
PAT MAVERICH
CHANNEL


SO, SO! I HAVE TO WORK DOUBLE WITHOUT YOU!
SORRY! I'LL BE BACK SOON, PAT!
CHANNEL
DO YOU STILL EAT A LOT AFTER THE NEWSCAST?
NO! BY MYSELF I CAN'T GET AN APPETITE!
AND YOU? DO YOU STILL TELL JOKES BEFORE GOING ON AIR?
YES, BUT... I MISS YOU WHO NEVER LAUGHS!
UNBELIEVABLE! THOSE TWO ARE IN LOVE!
CLOSE THAT CONNECTION OR THE DIRECTOR WILL PLUCK US!
THEY TELL ME YOU HAVE TO BREAK OFF!
NO, YOU FIRST!
YOU FIRST!
CHANNEL
HELLO, BENNY! ARE YOU SURE YOU NO LONGER WANT TO TRANSFER?

I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A THING! IT'S TOO INCREDIBLE TO BE REAL!
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN HERE FOR LONG, RIGHT, MARY ANN?
INCREDIBLE OR NOT, THE PUBLIC WANTS THEM TOGETHER!
LISTEN HERE! "BOB MISSES PAT! HAVEN'T YOU LEARNED ANYTHING FROM 'ANXIETIES'?" SIGNED BRENDA!
WE SHOULD DO AS THEY WRITE OR WE RISK JEOPARDIZING THE ADVERTISING CONTRACTS!
IT'S THAT SOAP OPERA THAT'S RUINING US! I ALWAYS SAY THAT!
COULD BE, BUT WHEN IT AIRS BEFORE YOUR NEWSCASTS, YOU HAVE AN AVALANCHE OF VIEWERS!
GOOD EVENING FROM BOB DOLTON...
... AND FROM PAT MAVERICH! THIS IS OO NEWS, EVENING EDITION!
BOLTON
PAT MAVE
SHALL WE LOOK AT TONIGHT'S SUMMARY, BOB?
WITH PLEASURE, PAT!
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